

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:902

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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to include the persons between 60 to 64 years of age living below poverty line in Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension by widening its scope;
- (b) if so, the number of people living below poverty line included in the Scheme in various parts of the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) the number of people in Madhya Pradesh likely to be benefitted by the Scheme and the number of people benefitted so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has decided to include the persons between 60 to 64 years of age living below poverty line under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) with effect from 1.4.2011.
- (b) & (c) As on 31st March 2011, 1.71 crore beneficiaries were receiving pension under IGNOAPS in the country including 11.66 lakh beneficiaries in Madhya Pradesh. Due to lowering of age of eligibility from 65 years to 60 years, it is estimated that an additional 72.29 lakh persons will get the benefit of IGNOAPS which includes approximately 5.90 lakh of Madhya Pradesh.