

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1843  
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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to increase the amount paid under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the age limit for pensioners will be lowered to 55 from 60 years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount sanctioned to Kerala Government for IGNOAPS during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government of India has increased the central assistance under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) from Rs.200/- to Rs.500/- for beneficiaries who are 80 years and above, with effect from 01.04.2011. At present, there is no proposal to further increase the central assistance under IGNOAPS.

(c) & (d): Government of India has lowered the age limit for pensioners under IGNOAPS from 65 to 60 years with effect from 01.04.2011. At present, there is no proposal to further lower the age limit for pensioners to 55 years from 60 years.

(e): The amount of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) released to State of Kerala during the last three years and the current year under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) which includes IGNOAPS is as under:

Year Releases (in)

2008-09	57,79,21,000
2009-10	59,43,00,000
2010-11	66,15,00,000
2011-12	
(April to July 2011)	25,65,67,000