

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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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 any proposal is lying pending with the Government regarding increase of amount given under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme; and

(b) if so, the amount of pension sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

Answer

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

(a) With effect from 01.04.2011 the rate of pension under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) for beneficiaries who are 80 years and above has been increased from 200/- per month to ? 500/- per month. The eligibility age under IGNOAPS has also been reduced to 60 years from 65 years from 01.04.2011. There is no proposal pending with the Government regarding increase of Central assistance amount. States have been urged to contribute an equal amount from their own resources. At present, no proposal is pending for increase of amount given under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).

(b) IGNOAPS is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), which was transferred to State Plan in the year 2002-03. The funds for NSAP are released as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) by the Ministry of Finance to the States in combined manner for all the schemes under NSAP together. The funds released to Madhya Pradesh under NSAP and the number of beneficiaries reported by the state under IGNOAPS during the last three years and the current year is as under:

SI No. Year Release (Rs.in Lakh) Number of beneficiaries reported
by Madhya Pradesh under IGNOAPS

1 2 3 4

1 2008-09 43592.42 931434

2 2009-10 29747.00 1056881

3 2010-11 34686.00 1166199

4. 2011-12# 30555.00 1215452

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