

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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OLD AGE PENSION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people in the country getting old age pension by the Union Government till date; and
- (b) the number of people getting old age pension in the Muzaffarnagar and Meerut districts of Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a): States are provided Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for giving old age pension under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). IGNOAPS is applicable for person of age 60 years and above and belonging to a household living below poverty line as per the criteria prescribed by the Government of India. At present, States have reported a coverage of 2,08,89,989 beneficiaries.

(b): As per the information received, the number of people getting old age pension in the Muzaffarnagar and Meerut districts of Uttar Pradesh are 35,018 and 31,911 respectively.