

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1715
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INDIRA GANDHI OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the elderly men and women living on Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme in Maharashtra during the last three years, district-wise;
- (b) whether these pensioners are getting pension regularly since the implementations of this scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the increase made in the pension?

Answer

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

(a): Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) which is part of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is under State Plan and is being implemented by the State Government. The district-wise number of beneficiaries receiving pension is not maintained in this Ministry. However, total number of beneficiaries receiving pension under IGNOAPS in the State of Maharashtra during the last three year are as under:-

S.No.	Year	No. of beneficiaries
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1	2006-07	742561
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2	2007-08	778073
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3	2008-09	1027694
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(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. Funds provided to the State of Maharashtra under NSAP for all the Schemes including IGNOAPS and the expenditure reported is as under:-

S.No.	Year	Funds released (Rs.in lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)
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1	2006-07	22213.91	17005.13
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2	2007-08	20199.06	18629.44
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3	2008-09	31332.25	29844.00
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(d): Central Assistance @ Rs.200 per month per beneficiary is provided to the States under IGNOAPS. From 30.9.2008 the State contribution has been increased from Rs.175 to Rs.300 per month by Maharashtra. Thus at present an old age pension beneficiary is getting Rs.500 per month in the State.