

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOCIAL PROGRAMMES FOR OLDER PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any economic and social programme for the older persons is being run by the Government under Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the amount being given for running the programmes related to the safety of the old is being continuously reduced by the Government every year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) under which financial assistance is provided to Governments/ Non-Government Organisations/ Panchayat Raj Institutions/ local bodies etc. for running and maintenance of Old Age Homes; Day Care Centres; Mobile Medicare Units; Day Care Centres for Alzheimer's Disease/ Dementia Patients, Physiotherapy Clinics for older persons; Help-lines and Counseling Centres; Sensitizing programmes for children particularly in Schools and Colleges; Regional Resource and Training Centres; etc.

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), which is a part of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), under which Central Assistance is given towards pension @Rs.200/- per month to persons above 60 years and Rs.500/- per month to persons above 80 years belonging to a household below poverty line, which is meant to be supplemented by at least an equal contribution by the States.

(c) to (e): The Budget Allocation under the Scheme of IPOP has been increased from Rs.22 crore in 2009-10 to Rs. 40 crore from 2010-11 onwards. The Budget Allocation under the NSAP has increased over the years from Rs.2891.48 crore during 2007-08 to Rs.8447.29 crore during 2012-13.