

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for the implementation of Old Age Pension Scheme in all the States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any provision for uniform pension to be given to all old aged persons in the country and within fixed time-frame;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Yes, sir. Guidelines issued on 24th September 2007 on Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) is at Annexure.
- (c) to (e): So far as Central Assistance is concerned it is uniform to all the States @ Rs.200 per month per beneficiary. Further, States have been urged to contribute at least another Rs.200 per month so that a beneficiary could receive Rs.400 per month. However, the State contribution is not uniform across the country and varies from Rs. Nil to Rs.800 depending on the resources available with the State Government.