

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any physical and financial targets for States under the Old Age Pension Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the achievements made thereunder so far; and
- (d) the details of the old age pension being provided at present by each of the States and Union Territories?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA)

(a)&(b): Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) is a component of National social Assistance Programme (NSAP). Under IGNOAPS, old age pension is provided to persons who are 60 years and above and belonging to household living below poverty line (BPL) as per criteria prescribed by the Government of India. Based on Census data and poverty ratio, State-wise number of beneficiaries to be covered under IGNOAPS are estimated. NSAP is under State Plan and funds are released to States by the Ministry of Finance as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) as a combined allocation for all the schemes under NSAP together.

(c): The estimated and the reported number of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS as well as amount of funds released and expenditure reported under NSAP during 2012-13 is given in Annexure- I.

(d): Under IGNOAPS, central assistance of Rs. 200 per month per beneficiary is provided to beneficiaries in the age group of 60-79 years and Rs. 500 per month to beneficiaries who are 80 years or above. State Governments are recommended to make at least an equal contribution from their own resources. The State-wise pension provided under IGNOAPS as per the information available is given in Annexure-II.