

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ELIGIBILITY UNDER PENSION SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) The details of eligibility criteria to get benefits of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme; and
- (b) The total number of beneficiaries and amount allocated and released to States during 2011-12 and 2012-13, Scheme and State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) According to the existing criteria, to get benefits of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) the applicant, whether male or female must be 60 years or above in age. Under National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) benefit is provided to the bereaved family, on the death of the primary breadwinner in the family, who is in the age group of 18-59 years. The primary breadwinner as specified in the scheme, whether male or female, has to be a member of the household whose earning contributed substantially to the total household income. Both these schemes are applicable only to persons belonging to a household living Below Poverty Line (BPL) as per the criteria prescribed by Government of India.

(b) The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) which comprises of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and Annapurna scheme was transferred to State Plan in 2002-03. Since then, the funds for NSAP are released by the Ministry of Finance to the States and by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Union Territories as Additional Central Assistance (ACA), as a combined allocation for all the schemes under NSAP taken together. The details of beneficiaries reported and the amount allocated and released to States/Union Territories during 2011-12 and 2012-13 under NSAP, is as in Annexure-I and Annexure-II.