

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5003

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REVIEW OF PENSION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the panel set up by the Government to review the pension scheme has recommended for delaying the monthly old-age pension scheme till the end of 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the factors behind the said recommendations;
- (c) the reaction of the Government to the said recommendations; and
- (d) the measures taken or being taken by the Government to enhance the old age pension for the betterment of old age people?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): No panel was set up by the Government to review the pension scheme which has recommended for delaying the monthly old-age pension scheme till the end of 2017. However, on the direction of the Union Cabinet, a Task Force was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission to submit a proposal for a Comprehensive National Social Assistance Programme. The Task Force considered various issues, demands and suggestions relating to pension schemes under NSAP, received from various quarters which also include enhancement of old age pension for the betterment of old age people. The Task Force has submitted its report to this Ministry.