

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF IGNOAP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to expand Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (IGNOAP) Scheme so as to cover all families Below the Poverty Line;and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the minimum amount of pension Government proposes to give to BPL or contemplating to increase the amount of pension being paid to them today?

Answer

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

- (a) All persons who are 65 years or higher and belonging to a family living below the poverty line are already covered under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) launched on 19.11.2007. There is no proposal to further expand IGNOAPS.
- (b) There is no proposal to increase the Central Assistance of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary provided under IGNOAPS.