

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2859  
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PENSION ASSISTANCE  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to increase the present assistance for old age, widow, handicapped pension in Andaman Nicobar islands under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Sir. There is no proposal to increase the Central Assistance of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary provided under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS).

(b)&(c): Do not arise.