

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries under India Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme along with the amount paid to them, State /UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified additional beneficiaries under the amended eligibility criteria of the said scheme; and
- (c) if so, the achievements made in this regard; State / UT-wise.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

- (a) Total number of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme and the amount released to the States / UTs during 2013-14 and 2014-15 is at Annexure-I .
- (b) & (c): The Government has not amended the existing criteria for eligibility under the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). However, a Task Force has been constituted to recommend changes if any required in the scheme. The matter is under consideration of the competent authority in Government.