

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS TO GUJARAT FOR PENSION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds provided to Gujarat under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme during the last three years and current year, year wise;
- (b) whether the State Government has requested for additional funds under these schemes and also for other such schemes;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government has provided funds to complete all the above mentioned projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) The scheme of NSAP was under State Plan from 2002-03 till 2013-14 and funds were released in a combined manner for all the Schemes under NSAP to the States and UTs by Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Home Affairs respectively. From the current financial year 2014-15, the scheme of NSAP has become Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ministry of Rural Development and funds are being released scheme-wise. Details of funds provided to Gujarat under the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) viz. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), National Family Benefit Scheme and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) during the last three years and current year are at Annexure-I.

(b): Yes Madam, the Government of Gujarat has requested for additional funds under the schemes of NSAP.

(c)& (d): The Union Government provides funds to the States / UTs on the basis of estimated/approved number of beneficiaries under different schemes of NSAP. The release of funds is made depending on availability of funds at the disposal of Ministry. During the year 2014-15, an amount of Rs. 11583.30 lakh has been released to the State of Gujarat under all the schemes of NSAP. An amount of Rs. 8646.00 lakh was available as Opening Balance as on 1.4.2014. The total expenditure reported by the State as on date is Rs. 5899.35 lakh. The unspent balance available with the State Government is Rs. 14329.95 lakh. The total available funds with the Government of Gujarat under NSAP are Rs. 20229.30 lakh. Details are placed at Annexure-II.