

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3158

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Remarriage of Widows

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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce schemes for giving financial assistance for the remarriage of poor widows;
- (b) if so, the details thereof
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce pension scheme for unmarried women above the age of 40 years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) & (b): As informed by Ministry of Rural Development, at present the Government has no proposal to introduce schemes for giving financial assistance for the remarriage of poor widows.

(c) to (e): There is no such proposal to introduce pension scheme for unmarried women above the age of 40 years. Under the scheme of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) the Central Assistance of Rs. 300/-per month is provided to widows of 40 years and above. The eligibility criteria as prescribed by the Government does not cover unmarried women above age of 40 years under NSAP.

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