

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IGNWPS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of beneficiaries identified under the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), State/UT-wise including Karnataka and Gujarat;
- (b) the details of funds released to the States for the said scheme during the last five years and the current year;
- (c) the number of SC/ST widows identified among the beneficiaries under the said scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of pension amount given to SC/ST widows during the last five years and the current year; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to link the social security pensions like National Old Age Pension, Widow Pension and Disability Pension to inflationary fluctuations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The detail of beneficiaries identified under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme(IGNWPS), State/UT-wise including Karnataka and Gujarat is at Annexure-I.

(b): The details of funds released (Rs. In lakh) to the States for the said scheme during the last five years are as under :-

2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17

(As on date)

Combined Release for all schemes*

659645.95 788435.03 911245.66 34513.95 206888.12 177327.81

*Till 2013-14, funds under the schemes of NSAP were released as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) by Ministry of Finance/Home Affairs to the States/Union Territories in a combined manner for all the schemes together.

(c) &(d): Schemes under National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) are only for the persons belonging to below poverty line(BPL) household.

(e): No Madam, the assistance under the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) is increased from time to time.
