

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3914
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Pension to Destitute and Unmarried Women
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether destitute and unmarried women who are above 50 years of age will be included in Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS);
- (b) if so, the time by which they are likely to be included in the said scheme; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No Madam, at present there is no proposal to include destitute and unmarried women who are above 50 years of age under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) as the scheme is a welfare scheme and is targeted to extend benefits only to the widows of 40 years plus age belonging to Below Poverty Line(BPL) Category.
