

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1885
ANSWERED ON - 11/12/2024

ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN ODISHA

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of senior citizens in Odisha who have benefited from old-age pension schemes over the past five years and the year-wise details of beneficiaries;
- (b) whether Government is considering an increase in the pension amount under central schemes to provide greater financial security to senior citizens; and
- (c) the specific measures and initiatives undertaken to establish old-age homes, care facilities, and other support systems for senior citizens in Odisha, ensuring their dignity and well-being?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) Ministry of Rural Development, has informed that under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), as per the State-UT-wise cap, a total of 14,18,631 beneficiaries are covered for assistance in Odisha. The assistance under the Scheme is sanctioned up to the number of digitized beneficiaries or the State/UT-wise cap, whichever is lower. Year-wise details of beneficiaries provided with pension during last 5 years is given below:

Number of beneficiaries	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
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(b) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.

(c) Under Integrated Programme for Senior Citizen(IPSrC) component of Atal Vayo Abhuyday Scheme(AVYAY), Grant in aid is provided to Non-Governmental/ Voluntary Organisations for running and maintenance of senior citizen homes (old age homes),

continuous care homes, etc. in which facilities like shelter, nutrition, medicare and entertainments are provided free of cost to indigent senior citizens. A total of 80 NGOs in the State of Odisha are getting Grant-in-aid under IPSrC component of Atal Vayo Abhuyday Scheme. Year Wise release of amount is as under:-

Year	Amount(Rs in lakhs)
2021-22	148.26
2022-23	1090.01
2023-24	1649.53
2024-25(till date)	471.16

Under State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPsCrC) component of AVYAY scheme, Grant in aid is provided to States/ UTs for activities like awareness generation, sensitization, cataract surgeries and State specific activities. An amount of Rs. 18.00 lakh was released to State Government of Odisha during FY 2023-24 under this component.

Further, under scheme component of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana(RVY), aids and assistive devices are given to the senior citizens to restore normalcy in physical functions such as low vision, hearing impairment, tooth loss and locomotor disability to eligible senior citizens with any age-borne weaknesses. The details of number of Camps held in the State of Odisha during last 03 years are as under:-

S.No.	Financial Year	Number of Camps	Number of Beneficiaries
1	2021-22	03	1920
2	2022-23	00	00
3	2023-24	08	2781
4	2024-25(till date)	06	3031
