

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2025

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER NSAP

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Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sub-schemes under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) including the number of beneficiaries and the amount disbursed year-wise, since 2020;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to revise the rate of financial assistance under each of the sub-schemes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a): National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) comprises five sub-schemes i.e. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and Annapurna. Details of these sub-schemes is given at **Annexure-I**. NSAP caters to 3.09 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiaries with a scheme-wise ceiling/ cap for each State/UT on the number of beneficiaries. The existing Scheme-wise cap is given below:-

Scheme	IGNOAPS	IGNWPS	IGNDPS	NFBS	Annapurna
No. of beneficiaries	22130687	6783469	833751	358840	831722

Funds under NSAP are released to States/UTs based on the number of beneficiaries digitized or State/UT-wise cap, whichever is lower. Scheme-wise & Year-wise details of funds released to States/UTs under NSAP since 2020-21 is given at **Annexure-II**.

(b) & (c): While considering the continuation of NSAP schemes for the 15th Finance Commission cycle (2021-26), the revision in beneficiary coverage and rate of assistance under the schemes was considered by the Government. However, considering the available financial space, the Government has approved continuation of NSAP schemes in its present form. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to revise the coverage/rate of assistance under NSAP

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Details of schemes under NSAP

Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme – Under this, financial assistance of ₹ 200/- per month to persons in the age group of 60-79 years and ₹ 500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above is given.

Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme – Under this, financial assistance of ₹300/- per month to widows in the age-group of 40-79 years and ₹ 500/- per month to widows of 80 years and above is given.

Indira National Disability Pension Scheme – Under this, financial assistance of ₹300/- per month to persons aged 18-79 years with severe or multiple disabilities and ₹ 500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above is given.

National Family Benefit Scheme –Under this, a one-time financial assistance of ₹ 20,000/- is given on the death of primary breadwinner aged between 18 and 59 years. It is a demand-based scheme.

Annapurna Scheme – Under this, 10 kg of food grains per month is given free of cost to those senior citizens who, though eligible, are not receiving old age pension. It is a demand-based scheme.

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Scheme-wise & year-wise details of fund released under NSAP

Scheme	Release of funds (Rs. in Crore)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
IGNOAPS	6152.61	5806.39	6827.56	6778.48	6843.92
IGNWPS	1881.28	1769.19	2087.00	2009.80	2150.03
IGNDPS	263.14	237.39	278.56	310.47	243.74
NFBS	374.57	339.25	458.88	336.48	394.19
Annapurna	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
