

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2650  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2016

OLD AGE PENSION

2650. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of male and female senior citizens in the country as per the census of 2011, gender-wise;
- (b) the number of senior citizens to whom no financial assistance is being provided as pension, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to make any provision to provide old age pension to such senior citizens under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to increase the pension amount by Rs. 200 to the persons in age group of 60-79 years and Rs. 500 to the persons in the age group of 80 years and above under the said programme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) : As per the Census 2011 report the number of male and female senior citizens in the Country is **5.10 crore** and **5.28 crore** respectively.
- (b) : Old Age Pension is provided under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) to the persons of 60 years or more and belonging to below poverty line (BPL) household. The details of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS is at **Annexure**.
- (c) : At present, there is no proposal to cover all senior citizens under IGNOAPS.
- (d) : Under IGNOAPS, central assistance of Rs.200/- per month is provided to the persons in the age group of 60-79 years and Rs.500/- per month is provided to the persons of 80 years or more. At present, there is no proposal to increase the rate of assistance under IGNOAPS.

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**Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha USQNo. 2650 for reply on 01-12-2016**  
**Details of No. of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)**  
**during the last three years and current year**

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of Beneficiaries Reported under IGNOAPS			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-2017
1	Andhra Pradesh	1792333	857666	662641	662641
2	Bihar	4294650	4604190	4806960	NR
3	Chhattisgarh	682076	675273	636847	631195
4	Goa	2136	2136	1648	NR
5	Gujarat	454563	503231	540199	517558
6	Haryana	147191	147191	198828	198828
7	Himachal Pradesh	85707	86831	90000	91100
8	J & K	NR	NR	139325	NR
9	Jharkhand	554239	770953	913134	922724
10	Karnataka	966595	895818	895818	892302
11	Kerala	339582	555026	NR	NR
12	Madhya Pradesh	1574443	1442023	1384903	1524963
13	Maharashtra	1118000	1186702	1196215	1196215
14	Orissa	1418631	1418631	1418631	1405126
15	Punjab	7964	NR	134125	NR
16	Rajasthan	758654	720721	664647	652830
17	Tamilnadu	1436444	1392083	1681155	NR
18	Telangana		612955	473575	473575
19	Uttar Pradesh	3854824	3474958	3786303	3786015
20	Uttarakhand	252930	251312	259492	259492
21	West Bengal	1310280	1886739	1557510	1472738
<b>NE States</b>					
22	Arunachal Pradesh	31209	NR	36604	NR
23	Assam	785836	785836	785836	785836
24	Manipur	64547	NR	71938	NR
25	Meghalaya	48924	49997	47937	48429
26	Mizoram	25251	25469	25469	25469
27	Nagaland	47191	54898	49702	99404
28	Sikkim	NR	21821	17997	20346
29	Tripura	142055	163151		NR
	<b>Sub Total</b>	22196255	22585611	22477439	15666786
<b>UTs</b>					
30	A&N Islands	777	813	NR	NR
31	Chandigarh	2792	NR	2969	NR
32	D&N Haveli	NR	NR	NR	NR
33	Daman & Diu	2194	NR	NR	NR
34	NCT Delhi	NR	376568	384545	119403
35	Lakshadweep	NR	NR	NR	0
36	Pondicherry	NR	18135	47743	17713
	<b>Sub Total</b>	5763	395516	435257	137116
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>22202018</b>	<b>22981127</b>	<b>22912696</b>	<b>15803902</b>

NR : Not Reported