

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 693
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2017

PENSION TO WIDOWS AND OLD AGE PERSONS

693. SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) the number of widows and old age persons in the country, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to provide old age pension to all in proportion to their population on the lines of compulsory pension scheme of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): State/UT-wise number of widows and old age persons (60 years or more), as per the Census Data 2011 as published by Registrar General of India is at **Annexure**.

(b) to (d): No Madam, at present there is no proposal to provide the old age pension to all in the proportion to their population as old age pension scheme and widow pension scheme under National Social Assistance Programme, being a welfare scheme, is targeted to extend benefits only to persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL Category).

Annexure

Annexure for LS UnQ.No. 693 for reply on 20-07-2017 (for point no a)

Details of State/UTs -wise Number of Widows and Old Age Persons (60 years or more) in the Country

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of persons	
		Old Age Persons	Widows
1	Andhra Pradesh	8278241	4297481
2	Bihar	7707145	2238793
3	Chhattisgarh	2003909	973787
4	Goa	163495	77935
5	Gujarat	4786559	2015742
6	Haryana	2193755	773297
7	Himachal Pradesh	703009	293475
8	J & K	922656	283650
9	Jharkhand	2356678	1027878
10	Karnataka	5791032	2989429
11	Kerala	4193393	2010984
12	Madhya Pradesh	5713316	2160609
13	Maharashtra	11106935	4520764
14	Odisha	3984448	1612627
15	Punjab	2865817	928158
16	Rajasthan	5112138	1983634
17	Tamilnadu	7509758	3856398
18	Telangana		
19	Uttar Pradesh	15439904	4856188
20	Uttarakhand	900809	387215
21	West Bengal	7742382	3792184
NE States			
22	Arunachal Pradesh	63639	31787
23	Assam	2078544	1156042
24	Manipur	200020	77990
29	Meghalaya	138902	84825
26	Mizoram	68628	28569
27	Nagaland	102726	39496
28	Sikkim	40752	13717
29	Tripura	289544	164969
Union Territories			
30	A&N Islands	25424	12525
31	Chandigarh	67078	24496
32	D&N Haveli	13892	7378
33	Daman & Diu	11361	6816
34	NCT Delhi	1147445	456613
35	Lakshadweep	5270	2448
36	Puducherry	120436	73579
	GRAND TOTAL	103849040	43261478

