

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1042
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

PENSION TO ELDERLY PEOPLE

1042. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether 20 per cent of the population will be comprised of elderly people by 2040 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to cover almost 25 million people of the country with pension and other social security facilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether almost 61.7 per cent of country's elderly population, will be without any income security by 2050 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the challenges in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Keeping in view the changing demographic pattern, several projections have been made on rising numbers of elderly people by 2040 and beyond. The mandate of the National Social Assistance Programme as piloted by Ministry of Rural Development is to extend the assistance through its pension scheme to beneficiaries belonging to below poverty line families only. Under current dispensation universal coverage of all the elderly people irrespective of income status is not envisaged.
