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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2889  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018**

**SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION**

**2889. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:**

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

- (a) whether the amount of social security pension is less as compared to inflation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of pension in ratio with inflation;
- (c) whether people of low income category and middle income category are kept outside the ambit of social security pension due to complex rules and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to bring people of low income category and middle income category into the ambit of social security pension by making some amendment in the rules; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e): The National Social Assistance programme (NSAP) is a welfare measure and includes three pension schemes meant only for the households living Below Poverty Line (BPL). The assistance under the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is increased periodically and the rates of pensions currently, are not indexed to inflation.

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