GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3223 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018

INCREASE IN PENSION FOR WIDOWS AND OLD AGE PEOPLE

3223. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme to increase the pension of widows and old age people living below poverty line across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time by which such a scheme is likely to be formulated?

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

(a) to (c): No Madam, at present there is no proposal to increase the pension of widows and old age people living below poverty line across the country. No timeline has been set for rolling out a new scheme with enhanced entitlements.
