

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 465
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019

NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

465. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to conduct a study to evaluate the success of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) pension programme rolled out a few years back;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said pension programme is suffering from implementation hurdles and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial measures being adopted by the Government to make the programme hurdle-free?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The process of selection of the institution to carry out the evaluation study of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) has been completed. The Terms of Reference(ToR) of the study inter-alia include documentation of best practices and to bring about uniformity in the implementation of the scheme in all States/UTs, and to suggest changes in assistance and criteria related to various schemes included under NSAP.

(c) & (d): For effective implementation of NSAP, information technology interface has been strengthened. With this initiative, list of beneficiaries has been digitized and against over 15 crore transactions through Direct Benefit Transfer(DBT) mode recorded in Financial Year 2017-18, 21.27 crore DBT transactions have been reported by the States/UTs during 2018-19.
