

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 892**  
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023

**CENTRAL CONTRIBUTION UNDER NSAP**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the central contribution to old age pensions under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) has stagnated at Rs. 200 per month for more than 12 years and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to make a provision to increase the amount in the next budget and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total funds released to States for old age pensions from 2011 to 2021, year and State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) Under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), monthly pension at the rate of Rs.200/- per month is being paid to old age persons in the age group of 60 to 79 years belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. The amount of pension is increased to Rs.500/- per month in respect of these beneficiaries on reaching the age of 80 years and above. The rate of assistance under old age pension scheme was revised from Rs.75 to Rs.200 in 2007. Further, it was revised to Rs.500 for the persons of 80 years and above in 2011.

(b) While considering the continuation of the NSAP for the 15th Finance Commission cycle (2021-26), the revision in the eligibility criteria and rate of assistance under the scheme was considered by the Government. However, the Government has approved continuation of NSAP scheme in its present form. Therefore, no proposal in regard to increase the pension amount is under consideration at present. The States/UTs are, however, encouraged to provide top-ups over and above the central assistance under the NSAP. Presently, these amounts range from Rs.50 to Rs. 3000 per month per beneficiary under IGNOAPS.

(c) From 2002-03 to 2013-14, NSAP was implemented as State Plan and funds were released as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to States by Ministry of Finance and to UTs by Ministry of Home Affairs as a single allocation for all the sub-schemes. From 2014-15, the scheme is being implemented as a 100% centrally funded 'Central Sponsored Scheme'. State/UT-wise release of funds from 2011-12 to 2013-14 (under all sub-schemes of NSAP) and from 2014-15 to 2021-22 (under IGNOAPS) is **annexed**.

**Annexure referred to in the reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.892 due for answer on 07.02.2023**

(Rs. in crore)

S.No.	States/UTs	Funds released under all schemes of NSAP			Funds released under IGNOAPS							
		2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
1	Andhra Pradesh	409.49	675.63	628.62	215.70	150.09	276.08	184.05	184.05	195.18	186.77	141.55
2	Bihar	971.48	1012.17	1418.81	715.13	1090.65	577.78	825.54	852.27	948.89	1000.02	998.05
3	Chhattisgarh	235.07	230.73	315.23	126.31	135.31	248.17	172.98	180.91	186.42	98.55	183.58
4	Goa	1.29	2.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	89.98	132.46	136.08	49.49	68.33	183.90	134.14	147.64	173.64	173.64	130.23
6	Haryana	69.30	75.05	83.17	31.49	37.29	80.38	70.91	67.11	88.84	34.96	0.00
7	Himachal Pradesh	29.34	30.98	35.23	17.83	21.96	33.08	52.09	36.31	37.32	39.34	9.85
8	J & K	23.72	28.21	41.74	30.48	30.62	41.25	42.43	43.72	21.92	22.88	35.07
9	Jharkhand	277.28	182.16	336.18	109.19	232.93	243.49	252.16	248.19	202.64	206.38	327.09
10	Karnataka	397.83	456.49	400.14	204.34	203.86	349.40	292.54	295.33	295.97	300.73	291.52
11	Kerala	85.94	91.64	161.03	29.26	76.41	66.66	128.83	199.97	68.49	175.96	0.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	539.73	543.51	801.38	272.65	499.90	460.18	460.18	460.18	304.31	465.46	392.16
13	Maharashtra	205.06	438.66	0.00	192.07	215.47	149.27	412.83	316.91	307.01	305.48	241.31
14	Odisha	510.86	743.05	729.26	314.54	513.27	395.40	408.42	408.42	421.56	351.85	417.15
15	Punjab	44.14	57.63	50.55	32.88	40.99	30.03	0.00	20.20	32.86	36.03	8.47
16	Rajasthan	255.38	255.13	340.08	119.09	161.02	163.23	352.19	242.66	249.76	251.48	65.86
17	Tamilnadu	319.09	573.50	609.37	165.08	415.18	360.15	360.15	360.15	350.23	201.26	589.85
18	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.00	107.27	197.31	131.54	131.54	69.70	213.17	71.74

19	Uttar Pradesh	1316.79	1110.27	1647.11	745.08	708.03	1136.80	1156.74	876.29	1230.55	1247.08	1272.82
20	Uttarakhand	75.78	79.05	108.83	36.74	47.79	71.09	63.44	67.66	41.25	98.76	48.42
21	West Bengal	475.05	781.65	898.08	423.82	432.10	563.39	352.63	323.15	560.93	367.05	240.96
22	Arunachal Pradesh	5.04	11.39	7.92	6.12	1.54	4.26	0.00	9.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Assam	112.08	225.04	161.88	143.20	238.67	133.52	115.22	190.94	241.55	253.80	247.60
24	Manipur	18.94	10.44	25.19	13.93	8.14	8.42	25.27	8.14	16.22	25.92	4.29
25	Meghalaya	14.86	10.62	21.75	9.96	18.03	14.34	13.34	13.42	10.92	17.19	8.69
26	Mizoram	7.93	8.68	8.39	5.91	11.05	9.75	8.83	7.82	9.26	9.35	4.72
27	Nagaland	10.28	10.49	16.39	11.06	12.60	18.61	9.66	21.29	18.09	18.47	14.16
28	Sikkim	4.56	2.36	6.85	3.95	2.14	4.38	6.52	2.19	4.89	8.17	0.00
29	Tripura	39.78	44.92	57.14	43.16	41.22	41.22	38.39	20.52	56.37	9.85	22.98
30	A&N Islands	1.98	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.00
31	Chandigarh	1.58	1.90	1.50	0.00	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	D&N Haveli and D&D	2.70	2.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	NCT Delhi	37.09	44.55	54.59	25.56	34.08	34.08	34.08	34.08	40.00	23.04	34.10
34	Ladakh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.95	0.00
35	Lakshadweep	0.22	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	Puducherry	6.82	8.73	9.98	3.98	5.31	5.31	5.31	5.31	8.64	8.22	4.18
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6596.47</b>	<b>7884.35</b>	<b>9112.46</b>	<b>4180.98</b>	<b>5562.69</b>	<b>5900.92</b>	<b>6110.43</b>	<b>5775.83</b>	<b>6193.38</b>	<b>6152.61</b>	<b>5806.39</b>

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