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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2592  
ANSWERED ON 19/12/2023**

**PENSIONERS UNDER NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAMME**

**2592. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of pensioners in the State in the Indira Gandhi National Pension Schemes under National Social Assistance Programme;**
- (b) if so, the time by which it will be increased;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of Central contribution determined according to age group of National Pension Schemes; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which it will be increased and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): No, Sir. While considering the continuation of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) schemes for the 15th Finance Commission cycle (2021-26), the revision in beneficiary coverage and rate of assistance under the schemes was considered by the Government. However, considering the available financial space, the Government has approved continuation of NSAP schemes in its present form. Therefore, no proposal for revision in beneficiary coverage or rate of assistance under pension schemes of NSAP is under consideration at present.**

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