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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3909
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2020**

INCREASING THE OLD AGE, WIDOW AND DISABILITY PENSION

3909. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the pension of old age persons, widows and disabled by bringing out a massive change in social assistance programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

(a) to (c): Government has initiated a comprehensive third party evaluation study of the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The broad terms of reference of the study, inter-alia, include documentation of best practices and to bring about uniformity in the implementation of the schemes in all States/ UTs and to suggest changes in assistance and criteria related to these schemes of NSAP.
