

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1289
ANSWERED ON 30/07/2024**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UNDER NSAP

1289 Shri Sukhdeo Bhagat:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the pension schemes under the National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) along with the eligibility criteria;**
- (b) the total number of eligible beneficiaries and total individuals currently covered under the various scheme, State-wise;**
- (c) the outlay and expenditure of Union Budget under various pension schemes, since 2019, year-wise; and**
- (d) the measures taken to reduce the delay in payments of the pension?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a) National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is implemented across the country as a social security programme, primarily meant for vulnerable sections of the society such as old aged, widows, and disabled persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL). Details and eligibility criteria of three pension schemes under NSAP is given at Annexure-I.

(b) Allocation of funds under NSAP schemes to States/UTs is done on the basis of ceiling of beneficiaries (State cap) or the number of beneficiaries digitized on the NSAP portal, whichever is lower. State-wise total number of beneficiaries covered under the schemes of NSAP is given at Annexure-II.

(c) Year-wise outlay and expenditure of pension schemes under NSAP since Year 2019 is given at Annexure-III.

(d) Measures such as digitization of beneficiary data, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), Aadhaar Seeding, Mobile Seeding, Aadhaar Payment Bridge etc. have been adopted under NSAP for speedy disbursement of pension and effective implementation.

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred
Question No. 1289 due for answer on 30.07.2024**

Annexure-I

**Details and eligibility criteria of pension schemes under National
Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)**

- i. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme –
Financial assistance of ₹ 200/- per month to persons in
the age group of 60-79 years and ₹ 500/- per month to
persons of 80 years and above.**
- ii. Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme -
Financial assistance of ₹300/- per month to widows in the
age-group of 40-79 years and ₹ 500/- per month to
widows of 80 years and above.**
- iii. Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme -
Financial assistance of ₹300/- per month to persons aged
18-79 years with severe or multiple disabilities and ₹
500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above.**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1289 due for answer on 30.07.2024

Annexure-II

State-wise no of beneficiaries covered under pension schemes of NSAP

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of beneficiaries		
		IGNOAPS	IGNWPS	IGNDPS
1	Andhra Pradesh	663736	246832	24412
2	Bihar	3157256	634221	127100
3	Chhattisgarh	644429	203628	32085
4	Goa	7308	5886	466
5	Gujarat	620548	276078	20327
6	Haryana	259865	70808	16583
7	Himachal Pradesh	93178	21974	853
8	Jharkhand	918249	254520	25530
9	Karnataka	707058	380886	36815
10	Kerala	449160	320715	29791
11	Madhya Pradesh	1575079	546920	101470
12	Maharashtra	1091944	80725	9322
13	Odisha	1407189	521410	89379
14	Punjab	102698	18971	5815
15	Rajasthan	823972	315048	23950
16	Tamil Nadu	1282468	506716	55358
17	Telangana	480315	180720	20578
18	Uttar Pradesh	4722613	1025236	85773
19	Uttarakhand	204557	23898	2880
20	West Bengal	1230862	726172	54610
	Sub Total	20442484	6361364	763097
NE States				
21	Arunachal Pradesh	5893	288	112
22	Assam	635304	115007	33226
23	Manipur	53684	7075	905
24	Meghalaya	54380	8024	1558
25	Mizoram	24524	2278	722

26	Nagaland	45941	3827	1011
27	Sikkim	16928	1469	457
28	Tripura	126461	17231	2030
	Sub Total	963115	155199	40021
Union Territories				
29	A&N Islands	581	3	2
30	Chandigarh	2378	2486	100
31	D&N Haveli and D&D	8754	2109	310
32	NCT Delhi	107834	36361	4539
33	J&K	106697	6445	2077
34	Ladakh	6486	443	219
35	Lakshadweep	120	75	51
36	Puducherry	17713	9821	1271
	Sub Total	250563	57743	8569
	GRAND TOTAL	21656162	6574306	811687

Source: NSAP-PPS

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1289 due for answer on 30.07.2024

Annexure-III

Details of scheme-wise outlay and expenditure under pension schemes of NSAP

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Outlay	Expenditure
2019-20	8445.25	8202.79
2020-21	8495.25	8297.03
2021-22	8495.25	7812.98
2022-23	8881.31	8714.74
2023-24	9115.94	9098.75
2024-25	8962.89	2154.17*

***as on 25.07.2024**
