GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2937 ANSWERED ON 18/03/2025

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that approx. 6 crore elderly people falls in the poorest wealth quintile;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to increase the current non-contributory pension amount of Rs. 200/- under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) to meet and rise the living costs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the specific steps taken by the Government to ensure economic security for economically vulnerable elderly populations;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any assessments of the adequacy of existing pension amounts to meet the basic needs of the elderly, if so, the findings and recommendations thereof; and
- (e) the details and number of beneficiaries whose pensions have been cancelled under the said scheme, State and year-wise alongwith the reasons for their cancellation?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (c): As informed by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the report of Technical Group on population Projections, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the number of older persons in the population is expected to increase by more than double from 10 crores in 2011 to 23 crores in 2036- an increase in their share to the total population from 8.4 to 15.0 percent. Steps taken by the Government in order to

ensure economic security for economically vulnerable elderly populations are as under:-

- (i) 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 States/UTs are, however, encouraged to provide top-ups over and above the central assistance under the NSAP pension schemes. Presently, these amounts range from Rs. 50 to Rs. 3000 per month per beneficiary under old age pension. As a result, old age beneficiaries are getting, on an average, monthly pension of Rs.1000 in several States / UTs.
- (ii) The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing an umbrella scheme AtalVayoAbhyudayaYojana (AVYAY), details of the components of the scheme is given at Annexure-I
- (b): 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. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to revise the coverage/rate of assistance under NSAP
- (d): From time to time, various impact assessment and evaluation studies have been carried out to assess the impact of NSAP schemes. As per the findings of these studies, the financial support provided under NSAP has been helpful in meeting day to day requirements of the beneficiaries. The programme along with other welfare schemes of the Government has impacted the life of the poor and destitute positively.
- (e): As per NSAP guidelines, responsibility of implementation of NSAP schemes, selection/verification of beneficiaries, disbursal of pension to beneficiaries, stoppage of pension, annual verification of beneficiaries lies with States/UTs. On the basis of information entered by States/UTs on NSAP-Pension Payment system (NSAP-PPS), Year-wise and State-wise details of IGNOAPS beneficiaries, alongwith reasons, removed since 2022, is given at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in part (a) & (c) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2937 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025 regarding INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME

Details of schemes being implemented by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

S.No	Details of Scheme
1	Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC) - Grant in aid is provided to Non-Governmental/ Voluntary Organisations for running and maintenance of senior citizen homes (old age homes), continuous care homes, etc. Facilities like shelter, nutrition, medicare and entertainments are provided free of cost to indigent senior citizens.
2	State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC)- Under State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC), the Government of India perceives a major and critical role of all State Governments in partnering and implementing the Action Plan for welfare of senior citizens. Grant in aid is provided to States/ UTs for activities like awareness generation, sensitization, cataract surgeries and State specific activities.
3	Elderline - The National Helpline for Sr Citizens is to generate awareness about the Act, schemes &programmes being executed by different Central & State Governments and to provide platform to redress grievances of Sr Citizens across the country
4	RastriyaVayoshreeYojana(RVY)- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the scheme of 'RashtriyaVayoshriYojana (RVY)' with an objective to provide senior citizens, belonging to BPL category or the senior citizen with the monthly income not more than Rs. 15000/- and suffering from age related disabilities/infirmities, with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions. The scheme was launched on 01.04.2017. The Scheme is implemented through the 'Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)', (a Central Public

	Sector Undertaking under the M/oSJE) as the sole implementing Agency.
5	Senior care Ageing Growth Engine(SAGE) - to promote out- of-the-box and innovative solutions for the commonly faced problems, innovative start- ups would be identified and encouraged for developing products, processes and services for the welfare of the elderly. The selection of the start-ups would be made through a transparent process and the fund would be provided as equity, subject to the Govt investment not exceeding 49% of the total equity of the Firm.
6	Training of Geriatric Care Givers- The main objective is to bridge the gap in supply and increasing demand in the field of geriatric caregivers so as to provide more professional services to the senior citizens and also to create a cadre of professional care givers in the field of geriatrics. The programe will ensure sufficient availability of dedicated, professionally trained manpower of geriatric caregivers who can attend to diverse and dynamic needs of elderly population relating to recreation, holistic well-being through Naturopathy, alternative medical practices including Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy, physiotherapy, normal and emergent and crisis related medical conditions including Dementia, Paralysis, Prostate, Parkinson, Alzheimer, Depression, religious and spiritual handholding, overall management of patients and families dealing with terminal illness and death etc. Considering the acute shortage of Geriatric Caregivers and the increasing demand in the market, the Department has decided to trained 1,00,000 trainees in the field of Geriatric Caregivers in order to meet the demand.
7	Other Initiatives for Senior Citizens: In order to solve the problems of healthy and productive ageing, several initiatives are being done across the country. The proposed initiatives are aimed at involving the elders in building up knowledge which can be useful for the society as a whole.

Annexure referred to in part (e) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2937 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025 regarding INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME

State-wise and year-wise details of beneficiaries removed under IGNOAPS

	IOAFS		2022-	2023-	2024-	
S.No	State Name	Reason for Deletion	2022-	2023- 2024	202 4 - 2025	Total
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	DEAD	0	7	11	18
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	DEAD	1	0	0	1
		AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED	0	464	211	675
		DEAD	71314	12709	23918	107941
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	681	209	525	1415
		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	3533	443	1358	5334
3	ASSAM	INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	7112	3094	3120	13326
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	1420	383	1169	2972
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	3566	11974	6476	22016
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	1363	384	1129	2876
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	2867	4849	6631	14347
		DEAD	0	535975	0	535975
4	BIHAR	INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	0	14151	0	14151
		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	0	0	1	1
5	CHANDIGARH	MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	0	0	3	3
		AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH	_			_
		PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED	7	146	17	170
		DEAD	35029	28047	22952	86028
		ELIGIBLE	0	0	0	0
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	61	300	3322	3683
6	CHHATTISGARH	INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	1614	1527	2360	5501
	CHHATTISGARH	INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	1676	1509	1954	5139
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	524	435	635	1594
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	589	837	371	1797
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	422	458	1217	2097
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	162	232	1067	1461
		AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH	102	202	1007	1401
		PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED	1	2	6	9
	DELHI	DEAD	3329	2675	2304	8308
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	6	0	3	9
7		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	142	2	1	145
′		INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	925	12	109	1046
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	12	10	2	24
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	23	2	3	28
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	407	476	12	895
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	2612	3938	610	7160
8	GOA	DEAD	2	0	0	2
	GUJARAT	AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED	111	84	169	364
9		DEAD	29119	22991	20581	72691
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	99	56	19	174
		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	867	1392	674	2933
		INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	2556	676	1137	4369
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	271	487	493	1251
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	2131	1556		4634
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	2154	1255	_	5515
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	2212	659	2279	5150
		DEAD	0	2826		2826
10	HARYANA	INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	0	114		114
11	JAMMU AND	AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH	0	3207	151	3358
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	KASHMIR	PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED	2011	40	25=5	2222
		DEAD	3214	16554	3070	22838
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	8	105	34	147
		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	21	417	381	819
		INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	56	5522	762	6340
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	1	238	69	308
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	0	2225	7	2232
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	11	2286	403	2700
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	7	3002	2173	5182
		AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH				
	JHARKHAND	PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED	54	757	275	1086
		DEAD	34809	37690	19305	91804
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	859	62	12	933
		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	271	748	286	1305
12		INELIGIBLE-DOPLICATE RECORD	2106		200	2307
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		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	183	508	45	736
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	992		318	3373
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	240		540	2332
13 M 14 L 15 L 16 N		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	522	1143	448	2113
13	KARNATAKA	DEAD	0	201975	70150	272125
		DEAD	0	0	824	824
4.4	LADAKI	INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	0	0	3	3
14	LADAKH	INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	0	0	2	2
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	0	0	4	4
14 L 15	LAKSHADWEEP	DEAD	30	8	0	38
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		INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	1	0	0	1
		DEAD	0	0	124452	124452
16	MADHYA PRADESH	INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	0	0		153116
10	MADRIA PRADESR	MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	0	0	15768	15768
			U	- 0	13/00	13766
		AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH	120	1109	141	1370
		PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED				
		DEAD	70032		13412	
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	369	147	195	711
17	MAHARASHTRA	INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	4314	2321	695	7330
• •	MANAONINA	INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	11819	4652	313	16784
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	2576	267	127	2970
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	22468	14396	2323	39187
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	8230	3605	781	12616
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	4999	1107	806	6912
		DEAD	2811	2250	393	5454
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	2	31	10	43
		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	3	86	25	114
18	MANIPUR	INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	0		10	26
	mainir yk	MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	1	10	0	20
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	0	-	1	2
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		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	0	1	0	1
		AUTO STOPPED BY BANK THROUGH	0	23	1	24
		PFMS BENEFICIARY DIED			• • •	
		DEAD	2405		1913	8229
		INELIGIBLE-AGE	29		0	30
19	MEGHALAYA	INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	526	112	45	683
. 9	WEGHALATA	INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	316	77	167	560
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY	28	60	18	106
		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	4	144	864	1012
		STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	493	55	15	563
		STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	3	1	3	7
		DEAD	3116	319	114	3549
	MIZORAM	INELIGIBLE-AGE	0		0	<u>1</u>
20		INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	65	-	1	161
		INELIGIBLE-DOPLICATE RECORD	144		192	1356
		MIGRATED PERMANENTLY			192	
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20		MIGRATED TEMPORARILY	1	0	0	
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DEAD			STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	105	98	362	565
PUNJAB			STOPPED DUE TO MISSING	283	306	301	890
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INELIGIBLE-AGE			INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION	0	1876	0	1876
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RAJASTHAN			INELIGIBLE-AGE	0	0	56412	56412
MIGRATED PERMANENTLY			INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	0	0	6697	6697
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TRIPURA INELIGIBLE- IN VERIFICATION 0 83 59 142			DEAD	3958	6838	6766	17562
MIGRATED PERMANENTLY			INELIGIBLE-DUPLICATE RECORD	5	143	565	713
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			STOPPED DUE TO INVALID A/C	2913	1406	672	4991
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		Total		717489	1676383	956362	3350234

(Source: NSAP-PPS)
