

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3825
ANSWERED ON 12/08/2025**

REVIEW OF NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**3825. Shri Varun Chaudhry:
Dr. D Ravi Kumar:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the year when the National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) was last revised for quantum of support to the beneficiaries and the income criteria;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the central contribution to old-age pensions under the said scheme has remained at Rs. 200 per month since 2011, despite inflation and rising living costs, if so, the reasons for not revising it;**
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the amount of pension of Rs. 200 to Rs. 500 per month under this program; and**
- (d) if so, the details of funds released under the NSAP for Old Age Pension from 2011 to 2024, State/UT-wise ?**

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

(a): Rate of assistance under Old age pension scheme of National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) was increased in 2007 i.e. from Rs. 75/- to Rs. 200/- for age group 60-79 years. For Old age group 80 years & above, the pension amount was increased in the year 2011 from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 500/-. Further, rate of assistance under Widow Pension Scheme and Disability Pension Scheme of NSAP was last revised in 2012 to Rs. 300/- and assistance of Rs. 500/- per month is provided for the age group of 80 years and above. The assistance under the National Family Benefit Schemes component of NSAP was increased in 2012 from Rs. 10000 to Rs. 20,000. 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).

(b): NSAP was launched with an objective of providing a basic level of financial support to most vulnerable group of citizens. As per NSAP guidelines, States/UTs are also encouraged to provide top-ups over and above the central assistance. Presently, States/UTs are adding top-ups ranging from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 5700/- per month per beneficiary under the pension schemes of NSAP. As a result, NSAP pensioners are getting monthly pension on an average of Rs. 1100/- in several States/ UTs. The Government has approved continuation of NSAP in its present form including rate of assistance for 15th Finance Commission cycle i.e upto FY 2025-26.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal for under consideration for increase in the amount of pensions covered under NSAP. State/UT-wise funds released under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) of NSAP from 2011 to 2024 is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (C) & (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3825 FOR ANSWER ON 12.08.2025 REGARDING REVIEW OF NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

State/UT-wise funds released under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) from 2011 to 2024

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Funds released (Rs. in crore)													
		2011-12*	2012-13*	2013-14*	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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	194.75	253.72	229.01
2	Bihar	971.48	1012.17	1418.81	715.13	1090.65	577.78	825.54	852.27	948.89	1000.02	998.05	1059.14	1153.55	1085.59
3	Chhattisgarh	235.07	230.73	315.23	126.31	135.31	248.17	172.98	180.91	186.42	98.55	183.58	187.69	190.63	242.21
4	Goa	1.29	2.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	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	217.05	183.06	183.49
6	Haryana	69.30	75.05	83.17	31.49	37.29	80.38	70.91	67.11	88.84	34.96	0.00	180.39	0.00	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	29.56	72.91	0.00
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	19.26	73.13	31.61
9	Jharkhand	277.28	182.16	336.18	109.19	232.93	243.49	252.16	248.19	202.64	206.38	327.09	270.16	196.36	238.39
10	Karnataka	397.83	456.49	400.14	204.34	203.86	349.40	292.54	295.33	295.97	300.73	291.52	243.66	303.75	68.31
11	Kerala	85.94	91.64	161.03	29.26	76.41	66.66	128.83	199.97	68.49	175.96	0.00	0	366.66	78.64
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	663.28	578.58	622.81
13	Maharashtra	205.06	438.66	0.00	192.07	215.47	149.27	412.83	316.91	307.01	305.48	241.31	135.68	0.00	483.42
14	Odisha	510.86	743.05	729.26	314.54	513.27	395.40	408.42	408.42	421.56	351.85	417.15	412.31	406.55	304.20
15	Punjab	44.14	57.63	50.55	32.88	40.99	30.03	0.00	20.20	32.86	36.03	8.47	0	9.35	17.82
16	Rajasthan	255.38	255.13	340.08	119.09	161.02	163.23	352.19	242.66	249.76	251.48	251.48	443.91	211.41	399.86
17	Tamil Nadu	319.09	573.50	609.37	165.08	415.18	360.15	360.15	360.15	350.23	201.26	589.85	305.96	427.97	413.65
18	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.00	107.27	197.31	131.54	131.54	213.14	213.14	71.74	144.89	112.23	0.00
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	1473.63	1257.23	1425.52
20	Uttarakhand	75.78	79.05	108.83	36.74	47.79	71.09	63.44	67.66	41.25	98.76	48.42	8	77.79	97.56
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	381.44	567.02	460.52
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	0	8.34	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	254.44	234.92	242.14
24	Manipur	18.94	10.44	25.19	13.93	8.14	8.42	25.27	8.14	16.22	25.92	4.29	22.39	13.28	18.82
25	Meghalaya	14.86	10.62	21.75	9.96	18.03	14.34	13.34	13.42	10.92	17.19	8.69	17.92	18.23	18.27
26	Mizoram	7.93	8.68	8.39	5.91	11.05	9.75	8.83	7.82	9.26	9.35	4.72	9.3	9.23	12.00
27	Nagaland	10.28	10.49	16.39	11.06	12.60	18.61	9.66	21.29	18.09	18.47	14.16	19.38	15.34	26.60
28	Sikkim	4.56	2.36	6.85	3.95	2.14	4.38	6.52	2.19	4.89	8.17	0.00	7.04	0.00	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	25.31	37.26	45.35
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	0	0.00	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	0	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	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	0	0.00	93.55
34	Ladakh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.95	0.00	3.03	0.00	4.61
35	Lakshadweep	0.22	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	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	0	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	6596.47	7884.35	9112.46	4180.98	5562.69	5900.92	6110.43	5775.83	6193.38	6152.61	5806.39	6827.55	6778.48	6843.92

* Combined released for all schemes of NSAP.
