

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1618  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2015

PENSION SCHEMES FOR FARMERS

1618. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to introduce pension scheme for the farmers above 60 years of age;
- (b) if so, the features of this pension scheme; and
- (c) the details of the total number of farmers likely to be benefitted from this scheme, State / UT-wise?

ANSWER  
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (c): At present there is no proposal to introduce Pension Scheme for the farmers above 60 years of age by the Ministry of Rural Development. However, Ministry of Rural Development is administering National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) which includes the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). This scheme is available for persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) who are aged above 60 years of age irrespective of occupation and area of residence.

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