

**Payment of old age pension**

1243. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the States giving old age pension and the number of beneficiaries, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware of default by the States in making payment; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to give financial assistance to States to overcome the default?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) All the States/UT Governments are paying old age pension under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) which is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). State/UT wise number of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) Identification, sanction and disbursement of pension under NSAP is done by the respective State/UT Governments, hence any complaints received in connection with defaults in payment of pension are forwarded to the concerned State/UT Governments for taking appropriate action at their end.

(c) No sir, no such proposal is under consideration by the Government to give financial assistance to States to overcome the default.

**Statement**

*Details of no. of beneficiaries reported by State/UTs Governments under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)*

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of beneficiaries reported	
		2013-2014	2014-15 (as on 4.3.2015)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1792333	857666
2.	Bihar	4294650	4470795
3.	Chhattisgarh	682076	675937

1	2	3	4
4.	Goa	2136	2136
5.	Gujarat	454563	503231
6.	Haryana	147191	147191
7.	Himachal Pradesh	85707	86831
8.	J & K	NR	NR
9.	Jharkhand	554239	770953
10.	Karnataka	966595	895818
11.	Kerala	339582	555026
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1574443	1417428
13.	Maharashtra	1118000	1186072
14.	Odisha	1418631	1418631
15.	Punjab	7964	NR
16.	Rajasthan	758654	714786
17.	Tamil Nadu	1436444	1392083
18.	Telangana		612955
19.	Uttar Pradesh	3854824	1514062
20.	Uttarakhand	252930	248812
21.	West Bengal	1310280	1886739
<b>NE States</b>			
22.	Arunachal Pradesh	31209	NR
23.	Assam	785836	785836
24.	Manipur	64547	NR
25.	Meghalaya	48924	47965
26.	Mizoram	25251	25469

1	2	3	4
27.	Nagaland	47191	54898
28.	Sikkim	NR	21821
29.	Tripura	142055	163151
	TOTAL	22196255	20456292
<b>Union Territories</b>			
30.	A & N Islands	777	813
31.	Chandigarh	2792	NR
32.	D & N Haveli	NR	NR
33.	Daman and Diu	2194	NR
34.	NCT Delhi	NR	376568
35.	Lakshadweep	NR	NR
36.	Puducherry	NR	NR
	SUB TOTAL	5763	377381
	GRAND TOTAL	22202018	20833673

NR : Not Reported.

#### **Pilferage of MGNREGA funds**

1244. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a hacker has allegedly transferred Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) funds to the accounts of fake beneficiaries online;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the police investigating the above suspects as more funds may have been moved out in such a manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?