

Age limit of beneficiaries under IGNDPS

596. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to lower the age limit of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) from 18 to 6 years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to reduce the percentage of disability in IGNDPS from 80 to 40 per cent and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time, by which decisions on the above proposals are likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) to (c) No Madam, at present there is no proposal to either lower the age limit from 18 years to 6 years or to decrease the disability percentage from 80 to 40 under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS). The disability pension scheme under National Social Assistance Programme, being a welfare scheme, is targeted to extend benefits only to persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL Category) as per laid down criteria in the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) Guidelines.

Funds for development of villages

597. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain State Governments/Members of Parliament have requested the Central Government to provide separate funds for the development of villages in their respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Central Government in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) State-wise data on funds utilised for the development of gram panchayats during the last three financial years, from the existing 21 schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development, *inter alia*, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram