

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2343**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

**PENSIONERS UNDER IGNOAPS**

2343 SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to increase the number of pensioners in States under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) run under National Social Assistance Programme;
- (b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to increase the central share specified according to age group for the National Pension Scheme; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (d): There is no proposal to increase the number of pensioners under pension schemes including IGNOAPS of the NSAP, though some flexibility has been allowed in inter-se adjustment of state ceilings under different pension schemes for the State. There is no proposal to increase the amount of assistance according to age group under pension schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The States/UTs are however encouraged to provide top-ups over and above the central assistance under NSAP.

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