

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2222**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/08/2024

**REVISION OF COVERAGE CAP FOR NSAP**

2222 SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:  
SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the detail of the number of pensioners under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);
- (b) the year in which coverage cap for the NSAP was last revised;
- (c) whether Government intends to revise the coverage cap, and if so, the amount of money to be increased;
- (d) the name of States that are running a social security pension scheme and the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government intends to integrate the state pension portals with the NSAP?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The number of pensioners under the National Social Assistance Programme- NSAP (number of digitized beneficiaries or the State/UT cap, whichever is lower), is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The ceiling/cap on the number of beneficiaries under NSAP schemes was last revised on 21.09.2022.

(c) While considering the continuation of NSAP schemes for the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission cycle (2021-26), the revision in beneficiary coverage and rate of assistance under the schemes was considered by the Government. However, considering the available financial space, the Government has approved continuation of NSAP schemes in its present form. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to revise the coverage/rate of assistance under NSAP.

(d) As per information collected from States/ UTs, details of States Governments implementing different social security pension schemes from their own resources is given in **Annexure-II**

(e) A total of 18 States/UTs are using NSAP- Pension Payment System (NSAP-PPS) for disbursement of pension under NSAP. Further, 14 States using their own portal are providing

transaction details in NSAP-PPS through web integration. However, all such States/UTs and the States/UTs presently having no MIS system, have been advised to use only NSAP-PPS for disbursal of pension.

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**Annexure referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2222 to be answered on 09.08.2024 regarding Revision of coverage cap for NSAP**

**Annexure-I**

**Number of pensioners under the National Social Assistance Programme**

<b>Old age pension scheme</b>	<b>Widow Pension Scheme</b>	<b>Disability Pension Scheme</b>	<b>Total</b>
21656162	6574306	811687	29042155

Annexure referred to in part (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2222 to be answered on 09.08.2024 regarding Revision of coverage cap for NSAP

## Annexure-II

### Details of States/UTs having social security pension scheme and beneficiaries covered

Sl No	State/UT	Old Age	Widows	Divyangjan	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	678736	253832	28412	960980
2	Bihar	3915991	679059	820410	5415460
3	Chhattisgarh	653006	401406	132056	1186468
4	Goa	78112	32598	15092	125802
5	Gujarat	148817	893605	71893	1114315
6	Haryana	1527417	693851	166463	2387731
7	Himachal Pradesh	430085	109959	70061	610105
8	Jharkhand	1435922	401631	245394	2082947
9	Karnataka	3982109	1473556	911679	6367344
10	Kerala	2750224	1226519	375526	4352269
11	Madhya Pradesh	841470	410099	15361	1266930
12	Maharashtra	2680443	828516	358688	3867647
13	Odisha	1591369	63143	0	1654512
14	Punjab	2126951	584756	248061	2959768
15	Rajasthan	4821144	1777062	597194	7195400
16	Tamil Nadu	263975	612175	399547	1275697
17	Telangana	1170705	1585088	499442	3255235
18	Uttar Pradesh	1078133	2521668	833603	4433404
19	Uttarakhand	288982	173205	83207	545394
20	West Bengal	1689657	1500564	654804	3845025
<b>NE States</b>					
21	Arunachal Pradesh	48722	7168	3435	59325
22	Assam	1271315	199756	129812	1600883
23	Manipur	83945	10346	8111	102402
24	Meghalaya	65771	36222	14237	116230
25	Mizoram	0	0	200	200
26	Nagaland	1890	2460	3550	7900
27	Sikkim	5674	1311	521	7506
28	Tripura	37377	66921	13075	117373
<b>Union Territories</b>					
29	A&N Islands	14696	6438	3718	24852
30	Chandigarh	8889	8358	4496	21743
31	D&N Haveli and D&D	13753	3751	573	18077
32	Delhi	296697	263639	108469	668805
33	Jammu & Kashmir	546140	170903	187456	904499
34	Ladakh	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	931	415	549	1895
36	Puducherry	116082	14267	0	130349
<b>Total</b>		<b>34665130</b>	<b>17014247</b>	<b>7005095</b>	<b>58684472</b>

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