

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2724**  
ANSWERED ON 02/08/2022

**INCREASE IN PENSION AMOUNT**

2724. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make any increase in the amount being disbursed to the beneficiaries of old age pension, disabilities pension and destitute women pension;
- (b) the details of registered pensioners, State-wise including State of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) whether the amount of pension is uniform in all the States?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) There is no proposal to increase the pension amount being disbursed to the old age, disabled and widow beneficiaries 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 the NSAP. Presently, these amounts range from Rs.50 to Rs. 3300 per month per beneficiary.
- (b) State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries under pension schemes of NSAP, including that of Uttar Pradesh for the current year is given at Annexure.
- (c) The amount of central assistance under the pension schemes of NSAP is uniform in all States/UTs. However, States/UTs provide different top-ups over and above the central assistance ranging from Rs.50 to Rs. 3300 per month under the NSAP.

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Annexure referred in the reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2724 due for answer on 02.08.2022

**State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries under pension schemes of NSAP for the current year**

Sl	States/UTs	Total No. of Pension beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	932661
2	Bihar	3757323
3	Chhattisgarh	874907
4	Goa	13597
5	Gujarat	832638
6	Haryana	327269
7	Himachal Pradesh	116005
8	Jharkhand	1286845
9	Karnataka	1396274
10	Kerala	688329
11	Madhya Pradesh	2205963
12	Maharashtra	1208399
13	Odisha	2037955
14	Punjab	138231
15	Rajasthan	1135202
16	Tamilnadu	1866209
17	Telangana	666553
<b>18</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>5519621</b>
19	Uttarakhand	231335
20	West Bengal	2121203
<b>NE States</b>		
21	Arunachal Pradesh	6294
22	Assam	843932
23	Manipur	62974
24	Meghalaya	65654
25	Mizoram	27407
26	Nagaland	49210
27	Sikkim	18849
28	Tripura	143149
<b>Union Territories</b>		
29	A&N Islands	592
30	Chandigarh	4964
31	D&N Haveli and D&D	11076
32	NCT Delhi	152271
33	J&K	139859
34	Ladakh	7148
35	Lakshadweep	297
36	Puducherry	28757
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,89,18,952</b>