

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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PENSION SCHEME FOR AGED POOR

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new pension scheme for the aged people living below poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the new scheme is likely to come into force?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) Ministry of Rural Development deals with National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) under which pension @ Rs.200 per month is provided to old age persons of the age of 65 years and higher, who are destitutes. There is no proposal in this Ministry to introduce a new pension scheme for the aged people living below poverty line. However as per the Hon`ble Prime Minister's speech on Independence Day on 15-8-2007 action has been taken to expand the coverage of the aged under NOAPS to all those who are 65 years or higher and who are living below the poverty line.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.