

INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSION

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The central pension under the Old Age Pension Scheme of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is ₹ 200/- per month per beneficiary from 60 to 79 years of age and ₹ 500/- per month per beneficiary from 80 years onwards. As per guidelines of NSAP, the States/UTs are encouraged to provide top-up amount of at least an equivalent amount to the assistance provided by the Central Government so that the beneficiaries could get a decent level of assistance. At present, the States/UTs are adding top-up amount ranging from ₹ 50 to ₹ 3800 per month per beneficiary under Old age Pension Scheme of NSAP, resulting in an average monthly pension of around ₹1,000/- in most of the States/UTs.

Under NSAP, funds are released to the States/UTs which have the responsibility of implementation of the scheme including further disbursement of pension to beneficiaries in districts/ blocks/ villages/ towns. State-wise total funds released under old age pension scheme during the last five years is given at Annexure-I. There was no separate allocation of funds for SC and ST beneficiaries under NSAP before 2021-22. From 2021-22, SC and ST beneficiaries are identified among the existing beneficiaries of NSAP and funds are being allocated/released under SC and ST heads. Category-wise funds released under old age pension scheme during last five years to the State of Rajasthan is given at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

State-wise and year-wise details of Fund released to States/UTs under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	18677.36	14155.36	19474.91	25371.68	22900.63
2	Bihar	100001.95	99805.21	105913.97	115355.08	108559.09
3	Chhattisgarh	9855.28	18357.72	18769.35	19062.51	24221.27
4	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	17364.32	13023.24	21705.40	18305.74	18349.21
6	Haryana	3496.28	0.00	18039.31	0.00	0.00
7	Himachal Pradesh	3933.82	985.18	2955.52	7290.75	0.00
8	Jharkhand	20637.54	32709.46	27016.16	19635.66	23838.70
9	Karnataka	30073.12	29151.64	24365.82	30374.87	6831.22
10	Kerala	17596.00	0.00	0.00	36666.45	7863.88
11	Madhya Pradesh	46545.91	39216.00	66328.36	57858.46	62281.04
12	Maharashtra	30547.83	24131.13	13567.51	0.00	48341.55
13	Odisha	35184.69	41714.56	41231.17	40654.68	30419.55
14	Punjab	3603.29	847.03	0.00	935.03	1781.54
15	Rajasthan	25148.30	6586.06	44391.40	21141.34	39985.88
16	Tamil Nadu	20125.88	58984.53	30596.42	42797.26	41364.57

17	Telangana	21316.84	7173.94	14489.20	11222.53	0.00
18	Uttar Pradesh	124708.01	127281.51	147362.82	125723.30	142552.11
19	Uttarakhand	9876.36	4841.90	10597.96	7778.50	9756.00
20	West Bengal	36704.77	24096.32	38143.75	56701.58	46051.82
21	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	834.31	0.00
22	Assam	25380.08	24759.66	25444.00	23491.51	24214.09
23	Manipur	2592.43	428.83	2239.06	1327.87	1882.38
24	Meghalaya	1718.68	869.45	1791.89	1823.36	1827.06
25	Mizoram	935.38	471.54	929.77	922.51	1199.54
26	Nagaland	1847.48	1415.74	1937.62	1534.37	2660.39
27	Sikkim	817.35	0.00	703.54	0.00	0.00
28	Tripura	984.70	2298.03	2531.30	3725.69	4534.72
29	A&N Islands	78.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	D&N Haveli and D&D	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	NCT Delhi	2303.66	3409.64	0.00	0.00	9355.12
33	J & K	2287.96	3506.85	1926.41	7312.90	3160.51
34	Ladakh	95.090	0.00	303.22	0.00	460.58
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	Puducherry	822.23	418.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	615261.40	580638.54	682755.83	677847.94	684392.45

Annexure-II

Category-wise funds released under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme during last five years to the State of Rajasthan

(Rs. in Lakh)

FY	General	SC	ST
2020-21	25148.30		
2021-22	4513.43	1423.25	649.38
2022-23	27147.87	10307.5	6936.025
2023-24	14604.40	4332.14	2204.80
2024-25	27645.37	8178.27	4162.24

This information was given by Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Kamlesh Paswan in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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