

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 544
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2026**

OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME UNDER NSAP

544. Dr. K Sudhakar:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of funds released to the State of Karnataka under the Old Age Pension Scheme of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) during each of the last five years;**
- (b) the separate allocation and release of funds for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) beneficiaries since the year 2021–2022;**
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the variation in State/UT top-up amounts under the NSAP Old Age Pension Scheme;**
- (d) the total number of beneficiaries (male/female/SC/ST/Others) of the Old Age Pension Scheme in Karnataka, State and category-wise;**
- (e) the timeline for disbursement of pensions to beneficiaries and whether delays have been reported; and**
- (f) the number of beneficiaries still paid through manual or offline means and the timeline for achieving 100% Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) integration?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Funds released under the Old Age Pension Scheme of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) during the last five years to the State of Karnataka are given at Annexure-I.

(b): Funds released for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) beneficiaries under NSAP since FY 2021–22 to the State of Karnataka are given at Annexure-II.

(c): As per Constitution of India, both the Central Government and States/ UTs have the responsibility for working in tandem in rolling out a comprehensive social security framework for the country. Accordingly, the States/ UTs are encouraged to provide top up of at least an equivalent amount to the assistance provided by the Central Govt. so that the beneficiaries could get a decent level of assistance. At present, the States/UTs are adding Top up amounts ranging from Rs. 50 to Rs. 3800 per month per beneficiary under old age pension scheme.

(d): The number of male and female beneficiaries (based on digitized beneficiaries on NSAP-Pension Payment System (PPS) Portal or State cap of number of beneficiaries, whichever is less) and category-wise number of beneficiaries (on the basis of State/UT Ceiling/Cap) under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, State-wise including Karnataka are given in Annexure-III.

(e): As per NSAP guidelines, responsibility of implementation of NSAP schemes, identification/verification of beneficiaries, disbursement of pension to beneficiaries, stoppage of pension, annual verification of beneficiaries lies in the hand of States/UTs.

(f): To foster transparency and swiftness in transactions, NSAP pension schemes are included under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes. At present, almost all States/ UTs are DBT compliant except Andhra Pradesh and Nagaland. In Andhra Pradesh, pension is disbursed to NSAP beneficiaries at doorstep in cash through biometric authentication and Nagaland provides pension through cash mode to majority of its beneficiaries due to geographical terrain.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 544 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding Old Age Pension Scheme under NSAP

Fund released to the State of Karnataka during the last five years under IGNOAPS (2020-21 to 2024-25)

(Rs. in crore)

FY	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Funds released	300.73	291.52	243.66	303.75	68.31

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in part (b) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 544 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding Old Age Pension Scheme under NSAP

Funds released to the State of Karnataka for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) beneficiaries under NSAP

(Rs in lakh)

2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26*	
SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST
9871.3	4881.69	7826.08	4914.91	8465.12	4738.07	1446.54	3499	11663.66	6409.35

*** As on 28/01/2026**

Annexure referred to in part (d) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 544 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding Old Age Pension Scheme under NSAP

Male and Female beneficiaries under IGNOAPS

	State	Female	Male
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	239	343
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	308964	354772
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3673	2220
4	ASSAM	342017	333343
5	BIHAR	1617991	1538540
6	CHANDIGARH	1287	1091
7	CHHATTISGARH	268952	307792
8	DELHI	61607	41690
9	GOA	2938	4369
10	GUJARAT	292823	325242
11	HARYANA	120515	139343
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	49192	43986
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	53389	72488
14	JHARKHAND	434592	415486
15	KARNATAKA	477389	421929
16	KERALA	217327	241445
17	LADAKH	3008	3470
18	LAKSHADWEEP	64	56
19	MADHYA PRADESH	633212	779335
20	MAHARASHTRA	633205	470771
21	MANIPUR	32762	22893
22	MEGHALAYA	32537	23193
23	MIZORAM	13247	11275
24	NAGALAND	24943	20998
25	ODISHA	549003	846306
26	PUDUCHERRY	10238	7475
27	PUNJAB	25181	16866
28	RAJASTHAN	385287	433852
29	SIKKIM	769	948
30	TAMIL NADU	737809	453059
31	TELANGANA	189954	287530
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	4889	3865
33	TRIPURA	55987	66056
34	UTTARAKHAND	100747	103810
35	UTTAR PRADESH	1432260	2015219
36	WEST BENGAL	551009	720955

* Based on number of eligible beneficiaries whose database has been digitized on NSAP-PPS portal or State cap of number of beneficiaries, whichever is less.

Category wise beneficiaries under IGNOAPS

S. No.	States/UTs	IGNOAPS		
		OTHER	SC	ST
1	Andhra Pradesh	454859	143433	65444
2	Bihar	2163668	682283	311305
3	Chhattisgarh	442728	138505	63196
4	Goa	5008	1579	721
5	Gujarat	425489	133944	61115
6	Haryana	178085	56157	25623
7	Himachal Pradesh	63855	20136	9187
8	Jharkhand	702358	194151	88585
9	Karnataka	616374	194365	88683
10	Kerala	321651	94187	42975
11	Madhya Pradesh	1079401	340375	155303
12	Maharashtra	773290	240086	109544
13	Odisha	979528	301526	137577
14	Punjab	80636	22193	10126
15	Rajasthan	564668	178060	81244
16	Tamil Nadu	878900	277149	126455
17	Telangana	329160	103796	47359
18	Uttar Pradesh	3645419	739694	337500
19	Uttarakhand	140183	44205	20169
20	West Bengal	877979	276858	126322
21	Arunachal Pradesh	5893	0	5893
22	Assam	586175	37851	71971
23	Manipur	31609	1876	22406
24	Meghalaya	7607	417	47710
25	Mizoram	1295	11	23218
26	Nagaland	1362	49	44530
27	Sikkim	12287	422	4219
28	Tripura	79285	14303	41644
29	A&N Islands	247	23	315
30	Chandigarh	1144	84	1150
31	D&N Haveli and D&D	3663	348	4743
32	NCT Delhi	104323	4939	4562
33	Jammu & Kashmir	118957	5896	5445
34	Ladakh	4481	1377	628
35	Lakshadweep	85	5	65
36	Puducherry	16108	834	771

* Based on State/UT cap of number of beneficiaries
