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Revision in Pension Amount

National Social Assistance (NSAP) is a social security programme which comprises three pension schemes viz., Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) for old aged, widow and disabled persons respectively belonging to Below Poverty Line(BPL) households in both rural and urban areas.

The details of revision in the amount of pension under the schemes of NSAP during 2009-2014 are given below:-

Under IGNOAPS, the rate of pension has been increased from Rs.200/- per month to Rs.500/- per month for beneficiaries of 80 years and above w.e.f. 1st April, 2011.

- Under IGNWPS, the rate of pension has been increased from Rs.200/- per month to Rs.300/- per month w.e.f. 1st October, 2012.

- Under IGNDPS, the rate of pension has been increased from Rs.200/- per month to Rs.300/- per month w.e.f. 1st October, 2012.

- A Task Force constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission, considered all the issues, demands and suggestions relating to social assistance/security, received from various quarters and submitted its report in March, 2013, inter-alia, recommending expanding the scope of coverage and increasing the quantum of pension. Further action has been initiated to process the recommendations of the Task Force.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Sudarshan Bhagat in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha here today.
