

- 1. Scheme :** **National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)**  
(1) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (ACA)  
(2) National Family Benefit Scheme
- 2. Year of start :** 15/8/1995
- 3. Brief Write up :** **(1) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (ACA)**  
This scheme was started on 15/8/1995 by Govt. of India and funds were directly sent to Chairman, District Level Committees (Deputy Commissioners) upto 31/3/2002. Scheme transferred to State Govt. w.e.f.1/4/2002. Now the funds released by District Planning Boards. Under this scheme disabled, issueless persons, widows and destitute old persons of 65 years and above having little or no source of income are given old age pension of Rs.200/- p.m. over & above the amount of pension paid under state level old age pension scheme.  
The name of the scheme has been changed from “National Old Age Pension” to “Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension” w.e.f 19/11/2007 and persons of 65 years or above belonging to below poverty line families shall be granted pension during the year 2008-09. As per the new eligibility criteria fixed by GOI for central assistance under this scheme, 1,66,689 beneficiaries shall be covered during 2008-09.  
**(2) National Family Benefit Scheme (ACA)**  
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**4. Financial Achievement:**

(As on 31/7/2008)  
(Rs Cr)

S.No.	Year	Annual Allocation			Receipt of Funds			Release of Funds			Expenditure (Funds Utilized)		
		CS	SS	Total	CS	SS	Total	CS	SS	Total	CS	SS	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1.	2008-09	4267.74	0	4267.74	1913.00	0	1913.00	428.73	0	428.73	0	0	0
2.	2007-08	1601.91	0	1601.91	1229.47	0	1229.47	1229.47	0	1229.47	1126.94	0	1126.94
3.	2006-07	1601.91	0	1601.91	1289.03	0	1289.43	1201.43	0	1201.43	1188.16	0	1188.16
4.	2005-06	1601.91	0	1601.91	1570.88	0	1570.88	1570.88	0	1570.88	1565.82	0	1565.82

**5. Physical Progress :**

S.No.	Year	Targets		Achievement	
		IGNOAPS/NOAPS	NFBS	IGNOAPS/NOAPS	NFBS
1	2008-09	1,66,689	2,672	-	-
2	2007-08	61371	1290	61371	1290
3	2006-07	61371	1290	61371	1290
4	2005-06	61371	1290	61371	1290

**6. Problems faced by the State :**

- (1) GOI releases the next instalment of financial assistance (ACA) under this programme only after submission of utilization certificate of 50% of the funds released by the Central Govt. Due to late release of funds by the State Govt. at the district level, utilization certificate could not be submitted to GOI in time. This contributed to less receipt of funds from GOI.

**7. Suggestions**

- (1) To streamline the disbursement of financial assistance under National Social Assistance Programme( NSAP), funds may be directly released by GOI to Deputy Commissioner as per old procedure for the timely distribution of pension to the beneficiaries.
- (2) 11,99,632 beneficiaries are getting regular pension from State Govt. @ Rs. 250/- pm. The criteria for which is applicant not having monthly income of more than Rs. 1000/- in case of single person and Rs.1500/- in case of couple except parents of income tax payees, class-I and class-11 officers, sales tax assesses and parents of professionals i.e. doctor, engineer etc.

In order to comply with the objective of Govt. of India to make an equal contribution from its own sources for the payment of pension, GOI is requested to revise the no. of old age pensioners from 1,66,689 to 11,99,632 eligible beneficiaries covered under the state sponsored scheme of old age pension so that all the beneficiaries can get atleast Rs.450/- pm as pension.