

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STARRED QUESTION NO.- * 248
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Question No. * 248

Shri Mazibur Rahman :
Hon'ble MLA

Sub : Implementation of Old Pension Scheme (OPS)

QUESTION

Will the Minister of Finance Department be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to implement Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for all those in Govt. Service after January 1, 2005.
- (b) Kindly furnish the total number of employees who opted for Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) instead of National Pension Scheme (NPS) till date.
- (c) Whether the Government has any data on Pension provided to unorganised sector workers since 2013.
- (d) Is the Govt. aware that the people in the aforementioned sectors are facing significant financial burdens ?
- (e) If so, the details of the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to address this issue ?

REPLY

Shri Jayanta Mallabaruah, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam will reply.

- a) No. There is currently no such proposal for consideration.
- b) Till date a total of 79 (Seventy Nine) employees, who are All India Services (AIS) officers, have opted for Unified Pension Schemes (UPS) instead of National Pension Scheme (NPS).
- c) Reply received from Labour & Welfare Department as follows:
The Commissionerate of Labour under Labour Welfare Dept. maintains data relating to pension benefits provided to registered Building and Other Construction Workers, who constitute a category of unorganised workers. The Assam Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, constituted under the provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, provides welfare and social security benefits to registered construction workers. Under the provisions of the Assam Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2007, the Welfare Board has been providing

General Pension, Disability Pension and Family Pension. General Pension is provided to eligible registered construction workers. Disability Pension is provided to registered construction workers who suffer from permanent disability due to paralysis, leprosy, tuberculosis, accidents or other specified causes. Family Pension is provided to eligible family members of deceased pensioners.

As reported, the year-wise details of beneficiaries and the amount disbursed under these pension schemes since 2013 are furnished in the table below.

Financial Year	General Pension		Disability pension		Family pension	
	Nos.	Amount (Rs.)	Nos.	Amount (Rs.)	Nos.	Amount (Rs.)
2012-2013	7	23,810	0	0	0	0
2013-2014	16	3,01,560	0	0	0	0
2014-2015	37	4,14,600	0	0	0	0
2015-2016	52	6,27,780	0	0	2	28,097
2016-2017	131	21,07,473	2	16,600	4	10,813
2017-2018	472	82,87,121	2	4,32,900	6	11,700
2018-2019	135	3,41,39,020	4	1,35,300	7	2,00,977
2019-2020	589	2,05,20,440	11	42,36,830	5	5,96,274
2020-2021	701	8,20,49,080	15	32,40,780	0	0
2021-2022	905	7,20,70,925	16	30,29,300	20	1,14,700
2022-2023	890	7,43,00,200	10	36,09,900	24	2,34,000
2023-2024	245	6,35,69,510	21	66,05,500	32	4,14,767
2024-2025	649	21,49,75,710	76	1,66,07,700	16	2,54,350
2025-2026	782	31,81,67,471	44	1,30,12,700	93	37,33,300
Total	5611	89,15,54,700	201	5,09,27,510	209	55,98,978

- d) Reply received from Labour & Welfare Department as follows:
- The Commissionerate of Labour under the Labour Welfare Dept. is not aware of any specific data indicating that the people in aforementioned sectors are facing significant financial burdens.
- e) Reply received from Labour & Welfare Department as follows:
- Steps taken: There are statutory provisions for extending welfare and social security benefits to eligible unorganised workers through welfare boards.
- The Assam Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, constituted under the provisions of the, has been providing various welfare and social security benefits to registered building and other construction workers under the Board since its inception.
- The details of the welfare benefits provided are as follows:

Sl. No	Name of the Benefit	Total number of Beneficiaries	Total amount (Rs.)
1	Death benefit	3779	25,98,33,834
2	Funeral Assistance	3779	3,66,54,000
3	Medical Assistance	3884	9,84,94,180
4	Cash Award	1514	56,34,250
5	One time educational Assistance	274968	149,05,22,110

6	Janashree Bima Yojona	66118	4,66,48,401
7	General pension	5611	89,15,54,700
8	Skill development training cost	41503	141,23,45,738
9	Stipend	35726	39,92,25,746
10	Maternity Assistance	76	13,87,000
11	Family Pension	159	55,98,978
12	Marriage Assistance	589	1,45,63,000
13	Health Check up	91072	39,09,07,800
14	Disability Pension	182	5,09,27,510
15	Covid 19	221378	44,27,56,000
16	Night shelter	0	11,15,58,231
17	Digitalization of Registration, Renewal, Benefit Disbursement and Other Services ABOCWBB	0	3,64,34,691
18	Construction of Educational Institute	9	104,51,82,998
19	Health Checkup PMJAY	0	25,00,00,000
Total		750347	699,02,29,167

Further, under the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008, the Assam State Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board has already been constituted. Under the Board, the Assam Transport Workers' Social Security Scheme has been notified for transport workers, who are a category of unorganised workers. The implementation of the Scheme is presently under process. The Scheme aims to provide for welfare and social security benefits to registered beneficiaries, including death benefit, disability benefit and financial assistance for the treatment of critical diseases.

Steps to be taken: Moreover, under the Social Security Code, there is provision under Section 109 for framing welfare and social security schemes for unorganized workers. At present, the State Rules under the Code are finalized and will be notified soon. After notification of the State Rules, the Government will constitute the State Unorganised Workers' Board and the State Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board under the new regulations provided under the Social Security Code 2020. Thereafter, appropriate welfare and social security schemes, including those considered necessary by the Government, may be framed and implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

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