

Table 1: Estimated Coverage of Old Age Pensions

	Total Population	65+ Population	65+ Population in needy and neediest categories	65+ Population in neediest categories	OAP cases (in official records)
1. Nesal	1551	94	56	34	26
Proportion of OAP cases (per cent)	1.7	27.7	46.4	76.5	
2. Vinayagapuram	1153	63	37	19	7
Proportion of OAP cases (per cent)	0.6	11.1	18.9	36.8	
3. Veerasambanur	578	25	21	14	2
Proportion of OAP cases (per cent)	0.3	8.0	9.5	14.3	
4. All three villages	3282	182	114	67	35
Proportion of OAP cases (per cent)	1.1	19.2	30.7	52.2	

Source: Survey data, 1995.

Table 2: Demographic position of the 65+

Village	Male Population	Female Population	Total Population
Nesal	764	787	1551
of whom 65+	47	47	94
proportion of 65+ (per cent)	6.2	6.0	6.1
Vinayagupuram	584	569	1153
of whom 65+	34	29	63
proportion of 65+ (per cent)	5.8	5.1	5.5
Veerasambanur	284	294	578
of whom 65+	14	11	25
proportion of 65+ (per cent)	4.9	3.7	4.3

Source: Census Schedules

Table 3: Household Composition and Extreme Poverty.

	Number of Households (% in brackets)			
	Not Needy	Needy	Neediest	Total
Nesal				
All households (%)	157 (45.5)	116 (33.6)	72 (20.9)	345 (100.0)
HHs with 65+	32 (39.5)	19 (23.5)	30 (37.0)	81 (100.0)
HHs with children under 5	61 (49.1)	39 (31.5)	24 (19.4)	124 (100.0)
Vinayagapuram				
All households (%)	149 (56.9)	70 (26.7)	43 (16.4)	262 (100.0)
HHs with 65+	23 (41.1)	16 (28.6)	17 (30.3)	56 (100.0)
HHs with children under 5	60 (61.2)	28 (28.6)	10 (10.2)	98 (100.0)
Veerasambanur				
All households (%)	60 (43.8)	37 (27.0)	40 (29.2)	137 (100.0)
HHs with 65+	4 (16.6)	7 (29.2)	13 (54.2)	24 (100.0)
HHs with children under 5	22 (44.9)	16 (32.7)	11 (22.4)	49 (100.0)
All three villages				
All households (%)	366 (49.2)	223 (30.0)	155 (20.8)	744 (100.0)
HHs with 65+	59 (36.6)	42 (26.1)	60 (37.3)	161 (100.0)
HHs with children under 5	143 (52.8)	83 (30.6)	45 (16.6)	271 (100.0)

Table 5: Analysis of Cases of Old Age Pension

Village	Eligible Cases	Ineligible Cases			
		Ineligible	On account of age	On account of income	On account of both age and income
1 Nesal	1	6	3	3	2
2. Vinayaguparam	1	8	4	4	-
3. Veerasambanur	1	1	1	1	1
4. All three villages	3	15	8	10	3

Source: Survey Data, 1995.

Table 6: Analysis of Old Age Pension Cases According to Eligibility and Need.

	Not needy	Needy	Neediest	Total
Eligible (all three villages)	-	-	3	3
1 Nesal	-	-	1	1
2. Vinayaguparam	-	-	1	1
3. Veerasambanur	-	-	1	1
Ineligible (all three villages)	1	3	11	15
1 Nesal	1	1	4	6
2. Vinayaguparam	-	1	7	8
3. Veerasambanur	-	1	-	1

Source: Survey Data, 1995.