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*Respected Prime Minister*

You are aware of the service and sacrifices made by the Armed forces personnel. However, many of the demands of the Armed Forces Veterans, including better medical assistance, One Rank, One Pension etc. continue to remain unresolved. While the Armed Forces Personnel selflessly guard the nation and protect the country against enemies, there is a feeling that the country does not understand their concerns and that they do not have a forceful platform to voice their demands. The time has come for the nation to address this concern.

To facilitate this, the Government should consider giving an independent, non-political voice to the Armed Forces veterans by reserving one Parliament Seat – anywhere in India - for a representative of the Armed Forces veterans. Alternatively, the Government must nominate one representative from the veterans to the Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha who can be the voice of the over 26 lakh ex-servicemen and their families.

Our founding fathers have recognized the need for giving representation to distinguished citizens such as artists, poets etc. in Parliament and a nomination of one distinguished Armed Forces veteran will be perfectly consistent with this tradition.

I urge you to support the idea of giving representation to the veterans in Parliament. This will send a message to the armed forces personnel and their families that the nation understands and accords the highest priority to their welfare.

Yours Sincerely,

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