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*Dear Shri Antony*

This is with reference to our discussion today, further to my letter to you dated 18 January, 2014 - about the memo issued by the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) on 02 January, 2014 ruling that ex-servicemen who take the Ministry of Defence to court for disability and pension benefits would have to fight their cases all the way up to the Supreme Court.

As I have explained, and you have so kindly agreed, this memo conveys an impression of callousness on part of the Ministry and the Government, since this involves thousands of ex-servicemen who have lost their limbs and/or eyesight and/or sustained grievous harm in the service of our nation.

I request you to have this Order annulled and have a more compassionate approach to dealing with each case of disability and pension claims, without the soldiers and their families having to undergo a long, arduous and often, very expensive battle in the courts.

I look forward to your intervention and resolution of the same. Your compassionate approach will go a long way in signalling the Government's respect for the service of these brave men and women and their families.

Yours Sincerely,

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