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Dear Smt. Antony,

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Sub. : Standardization of Compensation and Rehabilitation Packages for families of Armed Forces Martyrs

As you are aware, one of the sad and tragic consequences of instances of heroism by our Armed Forces is that families and wives find themselves alone having lost their loved ones in uniform, in service of the nation.

While the Armed Forces and the Government of India do take care of the families through compensation and other rehabilitation measures, it is noticed that different states follow very different compensation and rehabilitation packages for the families of martyred Armed Forces officers.

While some states are generous and do take good measures in easing the pain of the families, in terms of compensation and processes, some states have meager compensation packages and often complex and traumatic processes to disburse the same.

You will agree that these men and their families, while they may be from different states, all serve one cause – the cause of the nation. Therefore, they deserve to be treated similarly regardless of where they come from.



I would urge you to kindly take the necessary steps to standardize the compensation and rehabilitation packages of every state to martyrs, bravery award winners and the wounded – by advising the various State governments about a standardized terms.

I trust you will act on this at the earliest and address the sense of injustice that is currently prevailing.

Yours sincerely,

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