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Dear Rakshamantriji,

Sub: Extending e-voting provision for Armed Forces in forward areas

This has reference to the recent Government move on enabling e-voting for Non Resident Indians (NRIs).

As you are aware, in March 2014 the Hon'ble Supreme Court, on a petition filed by me, held that all defence personnel, deployed at peace stations will be entitled to vote from their place of posting. The case is still pending in the Supreme Court for voting rights of personnel posted at forward/field areas. However, now that the Government is working at enabling e-voting for NRI's, I feel the Government could *suo moto* extend the provision to the Armed Forces personnel posted in field areas.

Of our nearly 14 lakh Armed Forces personnel, 9 lakh Paramilitary forces personnel and a large number of their families a substantial number of personnel posted in forward areas will be able to exercise their franchise by e-voting.

Yours Sincerely,

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