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Dear Arun Ji,

**Sub: Immediate need for special provisions to ensure ease of transition in demonetisation exercise for Indian Armed Forces & Paramilitary personnel posted in remote and forward areas**

This is with reference to the Government's demonetisation decision to combat the scourge of black money and counterfeit currency. This is indeed an important step in the country's economic transformation story. While this exercise has witnessed logistical challenges that all Govt./ Banks are working hard to overcome, there are reports emerging that our Armed Forces and Paramilitary soldiers are facing problems in forward/field areas, especially those posted in Kashmir as most banks here are shut and the ATMs lie dysfunctional.

As you are aware, the government's directive asks for depositors to be present in person during transactions and with the absence of banking facilities in forward, field and disturbed areas, it is quite impossible for the Armed Forces and Paramilitary personnel to exchange old notes.

Keeping in mind the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to exchange or deposit old currency notes, I urge you to address this problem immediately and provision for special facilities to be extended to all our officers and soldiers posted in remote and forward areas so that they do not face any hardship and



that all help is extended to them by the Government to transition through the demonetisation exercise without any difficulties.

Our men and women in uniform posted along the border and in disturbed areas within the country must face such challenges while they battle the enemy day and night.

I urge you to treat this as a priority and take immediate steps to resolve this problem.

Sincerely,

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