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Dear Nirmalaji,

Sub: Petition received from Indian Ex-Servicemen Movement.

Please find enclosed petition received from the Indian Ex – Servicemen Movement (IESM).
I am forwarding this for your consideration.

I would further request you to convene a meeting of veteran organisations to discuss pending grievances and concerns that they may have, that need to be addressed by the Government/your ministry.

Sincerely,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

Smt Nirmala Sitharaman
Hon'ble Minister of Defence
Government of India

Enclosed: Petition received from IESM



INDIAN EX SERVICEMEN MOVEMENT

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REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION FOR ISSUES CONCERNING DEFENCE VETERANS

Dear Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

This has reference to our meeting this morning.

May I request you to kindly intervene to resolve issues of concern of defence veterans. These are mentioned in succeeding paragraphs.

1. One Rank One Pension (OROP).

Note sent to the Govt has already been forwarded to you for your information and action as deemed fit. Veterans would be satisfied if the following two anomalies are rectified arising out of 07 Nov 2015 Gov Notification.

(a) **Acceptance of highest pension of each rank in the year rather than fixation of Pension as mean of min and maximum pension.**

(b) **Pension Equalisation whenever the rates of pension are changed ie every year and not equalization every five years.**

(c) In this connection the following letters addressed to One Man Judicial Committee Justice L.Narasimha Reddy, Retired Chief Justice of Patna High Court for the resolution of anomalies in the Implementation of OROP are enclosed:-

(i) Letter to Justice L.Narasimha Reddy, Retired Chief Justice of Patna High Court dated 25 Mar 2016 regarding "Urgent Need to Rectify Anomalies in OROP in Govt Notification dated 07 Nov 2015 and Table dated 03 Feb 2016.

(ii) Letter to Justice L.Narasimha Reddy, Retired Chief Justice of Patna High Court dated 25 Mar 2016 regarding "Change of Definition of OROP in various correspondence of DESW Noticed.

2. **Downgradation of Defence Forces as Group B Service to deny NFU. JCOs in Gp C from Group B**

- (a) Letter sent to Hon'ble Raksham Mantri and three Chiefs dated 26 Sep 2017 is enclosed.
- (b) AFT Judgement for the grant of NFU to Defence Forces be implemented.

3. **Need to improve ECHS Scheme**

- (a) New medical procedures be included in ECHS Scheme as soon as these are functional in our Country. This would assist in making available the latest Super Specialty Healthcare to the Defence Veterans. Presently, it is taking too long a time.
- (b) Establishment more ECHS Polyclinic across the Country to reduce the traveling distance for veterans to get immediate medical care. Presently, at many locations, veterans and their family have to travel 50 to 60 Km to reach the ECHS Polyclinic.
- (c) Establish of Veterans Hospitals. This will reduce our dependency on empanelled Hospitals. 13 locations have already been identified in the country where veterans Hospital, are to come up. This was stated by former Chief of Army Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag. The first one is to come up adjacent to RR Hospital Delhi Cantt. The same be expedited.
- (d) **Inadequacy of availability of Medicines**. Only 50 percent of the medicines on the average are available in the ECHS Polyclinic. Local purchase power of ECHS being limited, Veterans have to buy medicines from own sources. 100 percent availability of medicines needs to be ensured.

4. **Registration of Defence Personnel as Voters at the Place of Posting**

There are some issues which have now come up resulting into non adherence to SC judgement. Letter written to Hon'ble Raksha Mantri dated 26 Sep 2017 is enclosed for your information and intervention please.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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