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Dear Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

Please refer to your letter dated 16th October, 2017 forwarding therewith a petition from India Ex-Servicemen Movement (IESM) regarding various issues concerning Ex-servicemen.

The matter has been examined. The point wise position with regard to the issues raised in the petition is enclosed for your kind information.

Regarding convening meeting with the veteran organization, it is informed that I have recently taken a meeting with the Ex-Servicemen Association on issues pertaining to welfare of Ex-Servicemen on 24.10.2017 in which IESM had also participated.

Further, it is informed that in the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Standing Committee for Welfare of Ex-Servicemen meet regularly under the Chairmanship of Raksha Rajya Mantri wherein issues of Defence Pensioners are deliberated in detail. In this regard, last two meetings were held in October 2016 and March 2017 and another meeting of the Standing Committee is proposed to be held shortly.

I hope you will appreciate the position.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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POINT WISE POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUES CONCERNING EX-SERVICEMEN
RAISED IN THE PETITION OF INDIAN EX-SERVICEMEN MOVEMENT

(i) Issue regarding One Rank One Pension:-

Govt. orders for implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) were issued on 7.11.2015 with the approval of Cabinet. As per the salient feature of OROP order, pension would be re-fixed for all pensioners on the basis of the average of minimum and maximum pension of personnel retired in 2013 in same the rank and with the same length of service. It is also stipulated that in future, pension will be re-fixed every five years. Further, a One Member Judicial Committee (OMJC) was constituted to look into anomalies, if any, arising out of implementation of OROP. The Committee has submitted its report which is under examination.

(ii) Grant of NFU to Defence Forces Personnel:-

Armed Forces Tribunal (PB), New Delhi vide its order dated 23.12.2016 has granted NFU to the officers of Defence Forces. However, Civil Appeal has been filed against the AFT order in the Apex Court and the matter is subjudice.

(iii) Improvement in ECHS Scheme:

(a) ECHS follows the CGHS norms regarding inclusion of new medical procedures in the ECHS Scheme.

(b) A proposal for opening new polyclinics across the country is under consideration in the Ministry.

(c) The proposal for opening of Veteran Hospitals was examined in the Ministry but was not found feasible.

(d) Regarding inadequate availability of medicines, the Govt. has approved authorization of local chemists vide MoD order dated 22.8.2017. In all stations with ECHS Polyclinics, local medical stores/chemists will be empanelled for supply of Not Available/Life Saving/Essential drugs on as required basis. The monetary ceiling for expenditure on procurement of such medicines has been increased to Rs. 2.5 lakh per month for type A & B Polyclinics; Rs. 1.5 lakh for type C Polyclinics and Rs. 1 lakh for type D Polyclinics. Any expenditure above this limit will be approved by Central Organization, ECHS.

(iv) The matter regarding registration of Defence Personnel as voters at the place of posting is in the purview of the Election Commission of India.