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Dear Raksha Mantri

06 April, 2016

Sub: Protection of Revenue Budgets of Armed Forces and Speedy Reimbursement of HDR Expenses

This is with reference to our meeting and discussion yesterday about the impact of any shortfall in the revenue budgets of our Armed Forces.

I would urge that the revenue budgets of the Armed Forces be always protected during the year because of its implications on the Forces – as they organize and deploy their manpower & machinery, and therefore, plan their expenses well in advance - unlike other Government agencies.

Further, in this regard, I had brought up the issue of the need to automatically reimburse the Armed Forces for expenses that they incur during peace time relief operations (HDR). Any delays in reimbursing this also has a material effect on their revenue budgets.

I have raised this issue several times, including formally writing to the then Defence Minister way back in 2014, and am enclosing a copy of my letter and his response, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

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Shri Manohar Parrikar
Hon'ble Minister of Defence
Government of India
New Delhi

Encl: Copy of my letter to former Defence Minister dated 24 September, 2014 and his response dated 31 October, 2014



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24th September, 2014

Dear Arunji

Subject: Treatment of Expenses incurred by Defence Forces during Disaster Relief

I write to you to bring to your kind attention, a serious anomaly in Government Accounting and budgeting that is impacting our Defence Budget which in turn is affecting the readiness of our three services.

The expenses met/incurred by the IAF, Army and Navy during disaster relief or other emergency operations are significant. These are reimbursed by the State Governments which they do. But for an inexplicable reason, these reimbursements are being treated as receipts by the Government of India and transferred to the consolidated funds of the Government, instead of transferring to the Defence/Service budget from which the expenses were incurred.

I would request you to urgently correct this anomaly, increasing civil emergencies otherwise will have the effect of depleting an already under budgeted force, with serious consequences on operational readiness etc.

I look forward to your early action on this issue

Yours sincerely,

Rajeev

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Shri Arun Jaitley
Hon'ble Minister of Finance
Government of India
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Arun Jaitley
Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs
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31 OCT 2014

Dear Shri Rajeev ji,

I have received your letter dated September 24, 2014 regarding treatment of expenses incurred by Defence Forces during disaster relief.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Arun Jaitley)

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