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Dear Rakshak Yatriji

Sub: Providing timely relief to soldiers who are suffering from a disability due to reasons attributable to military services.

I am writing to you regarding a representation received by me on twitter about two soldiers - No. 15218544 Ex Gunner Madhusudan Bagdi and No 1363175 Ex-Rect. Vasa Veera Bhadrudu who have been denied timely financial relief and disability pension to which they were entitled to.

Madhusudan Bagdi suffered a quadriplegic disability and even after the disability was attributable to military service by competent authorities, he still remains without pension as one accounts officer refused to release his disability pension on the pretext that they will not accept the attributability declared by military authorities or by MoD rules. Vasa Veera Bhadrudu, another disabled soldier of the Madras Engineer Group, invalided out with disability pension in 1976. While his pension payment order was issued, he was never informed of the same until 2012. Since past 6 years, he is being made to run from pillar to post while trying to resolve highly technical objections raised by accounts officer of the Defence Accounts Department. The fact remains that the pension has not been released to Vasa Veera Bhadrudu yet. Such incidents not just cause inconvenience to a disabled soldier, it also gives the Ministry and the Indian Army a bad name.



Therefore, I urge your immediate intervention into the above two matters where the pension rights of the soldiers were denied. Please ensure that every soldier is served and we do not step back from our commitment of providing financial support to our soldiers who have selflessly given their life and limb for the Nation.

Yours Sincerely,

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