GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022)

FACE AUTHENTICATION IN LIFE CERTIFICATE

1083 DR. AMAR PATNAIK:
     SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

     Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government has introduced face authentication technology for the pensioners to submit 'Life Certificate';
(b)   if so, the details thereof;
(c)   the number of pensioners who are required to submit a Life Certificate, State-wise;
(d)   the number of pensioners who have used face authentication technology since its commencement, State-wise including Gujarat;
(e)   whether it is mandatory for pensioners to use face authentication technology for the life certificate, if so, the details thereof; and
(f)   Whether the pensioner will be denied benefits of pension if he refuses to submit Life Certificate through Jeevan Pramaan App by using the face authentication facility, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (d): Yes, sir. The Government launched Face Authentication Technology in November 2021 for submission of Life Certificate by Central Govt. pensioners. All Central Government pensioners are required to submit life certificate every year for uninterrupted disbursement of their pension. Till 8th December, 2022, 3,71,364 Central Government pensioners have submitted life certificate using face authentication technology since its launch. The State wise details in this regard are at Annexure.

(e): No, sir.

(f): No, sir. Pensioners can use any of the prescribed modes, including Face Authentication technology, to submit Life Certificate.

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Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1083 for 15.12.2022 Number of Central Government Pensioners, who have submitted Life Certificate using Face Authentication Technology from its launch till 8ᵗʰ December, 2022

S.No.	State	No. of Pensioners who have submitted life certificate using face authentication technology
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	203
2.	Andhra Pradesh	21065
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	483
4.	Assam	7666
5.	Bihar	13746
6.	Chandigarh	879
7.	Chhattisgarh	1676
8.	Dadar& Nagar Haveli	33
9.	Daman & Diu	16
10.	Delhi	15376
11.	Goa	1181
12.	Gujarat	11510
13	Haryana	20600
14.	Himachal Pradesh	10460
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	13112
16	Jharkhand	4242
17	Karnataka	19536
18.	Kerala	16864
19	Lakshadweep	46
20	Madhya Pradesh	10152
21	Maharashtra	38704
22	Manipur	1031
23.	Meghalaya	613
24.	Mizoram	1332
25.	Nagaland	533
26.	Odisha	8779
27.	Puducherry	382
28.	Punjab	20314
29.	Rajasthan	15350
30.	Sikkim	118
31.	Tamil Nadu	20065
32.	Telangana	4930
33.	Tripura	1217
34.	Uttar Pradesh	45332
35.	Uttarakhand	17250
36.	West Bengal	26568
	Total	**3,71,364**