

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 674
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th February, 2025

PENSION AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO EX-SERVICEMEN

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Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken appropriate steps to ensure adequate pension and job opportunities to the Ex-Servicemen in the country particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total population of Ex-Servicemen in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has initiated any special recruitment for providing jobs to widows and children of Ex-Servicemen in the country if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

(a) & (b): The Government is providing pension to Ex-Servicemen as per extant rules. Additionally, the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme seeks to bridge the gap between the rates of pension of current and past pensioners retiring in the same rank with the same length of service. Further, various Re-settlement / Skill Development Training Courses, Employment and Self-Employment Schemes are being run by the Government to provide job opportunities to the Ex-Servicemen in Government Organizations, Public Sector Undertaking, Corporate Houses, Private Sector, Central Para Military Forces etc based on their requisition for employment of ESM.

(c): The Total population of Ex-servicemen in the Country; State /UT-wise details is enclosed as Annexure.

(d): The Government organizes the Job Fairs for Ex-Servicemen across Pan India in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and with the support of all the three Service Headquarters. It offers a direct interface between the Employer and the prospective candidate that includes on the spot skill test, interview and employment by the Corporate Sector.

Further, there is a reservation of 14.5% vacancies in Group 'C' and 24.5% vacancies in Group 'D' posts for Ex-Servicemen in Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and Public Sector Banks. This includes 4.5% vacancies for Disabled Ex-Servicemen & Dependents of Service personnel killed in action. However, the onus of filling up vacancies lies with recruitment agencies of respective Departments, Banks PSUs.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 674 FOR ANSWER ON 10.02.2025 REGARDING "PENSION AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO EX-SERVICEMEN".

Total population of Ex-servicemen in the country (State/UT wise details): -

Census Data of ESMs as on 31.12.2023					
Sl. No.	States/UTs	Army	Navy	Air Force	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	63,574	6,665	7,673	77,912
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	980	5	1	986
3.	Assam	38,316	914	2,732	41,962
4.	Bihar	100,849	15,746	16,931	133,526
5.	Chhattisgarh	6,746	334	411	7,491
6.	Goa	1,113	1,030	202	2,345
7.	Gujarat	27,315	1,141	5,019	33,475
8.	Haryana	154,153	9,258	12,226	175,637
9.	Himachal Pradesh	121,637	4,343	2,596	128,576
10.	Jharkhand	25,680	1,666	2,747	30,093
11.	Karnataka	78,579	3,089	12,335	94,003
12.	Kerala	143,296	14,506	23,734	181,536
13.	Madhya Pradesh	53,344	1,566	2,118	57,028
14.	Maharashtra	167,788	15,533	13,166	196,487
15.	Manipur	8,397	150	197	8,744
16.	Meghalaya	2,830	56	86	2,972
17.	Mizoram	5,394	51	61	5,506
18.	Nagaland	3,221	45	24	3,290
19.	Odisha	40,067	4,383	7,887	52,337
20.	Punjab	335,328	9,767	14,369	359,464
21.	Rajasthan	193,825	8,264	7,434	209,523
22.	Sikkim	1,000	63	12	1,075
23.	Tamil Nadu	104,533	4,015	11,975	120,523
24.	Telangana	19,455	1,532	7,213	28,200
25.	Tripura	2,357	43	128	2,528
26.	Uttar Pradesh	349,880	29,534	41,731	421,145
27.	Uttarakhand	132,576	3,470	3,315	139,361
28.	West Bengal	83,542	5,906	14,745	104,193
29.	Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	803	178	100	1,081
30.	Chandigarh	6,189	458	2,513	9,160
31.	Delhi(UT)	46,831	5,748	10,766	63,345
32.	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	74,940	789	895	76,624
33.	Leh and Ladakh (UT)	6,313	11	30	6,354
34.	Pondicherry (UT)	1,864	134	471	2,469
	Total	2,402,715	150,393	225,843	2,77,8951
