

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2434**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

**PENSION AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO THE EX-SERVICEMEN**

2434 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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, if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) & (b) The Government is providing adequate pension to the Ex-Servicemen in the country including Tamil Nadu as per extant rule. Additionally, the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme seeks to bridge the gap between the rates of pension of current and past pensioners retiring the same rank with the same length of service. Further, various Resettlement/ 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 (PSBs). This includes 4.5% vacancies for disabled Ex-servicemen & dependents of service personnel killed in action.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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Total population of Ex-servicemen in the country (State/UT wise details): -

<b>Census Data of ESM as on 30.06.2024</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	78148
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	986
3.	Assam	41656
4.	Bihar	133526
5.	Chhattisgarh	7355
6.	Goa	2389
7.	Gujrat	33773
8.	Haryana	177771
9.	Himachal Pradesh	129656
10.	Jharkhand	30546
11.	Karnataka	94530
12.	Kerala	182368
13.	Madhya Pradesh	58464
14.	Maharashtra	201628
15.	Manipur	8744
16.	Meghalaya	3012
17.	Mizoram	5975
18.	Nagaland	3284
19.	Odisha	53025
20.	Punjab	382694

21.	Rajasthan	212415
22.	Sikkim	1094
23.	Tamil Nadu	123349
24.	Telangana	27853
25.	Tripura	2609
26.	Uttar Pradesh	426179
27.	Uttarakhand	139882
28.	West Bengal	107450
29.	Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	1123
30.	Chandigarh (UT)	8463
31.	Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli (UT)	0
32.	Delhi	63614
33.	Jammu & Kashmir	78592
34.	Lakshadweep (UT)	0
35.	Leh & Ladakh (UT)	6479
36.	Puducherry (UT)	2477
<b>Total</b>		<b>2831109</b>

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