GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2313

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND JANUARY, 2018/ PAUSHA 12, 1939 (SAKA)

INCREASE IN PENSION OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a number of applications from the freedom fighters regarding increase in pension and providing rail pass during the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): Representations from freedom fighters and their dependents to increase the monthly pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana have been received from time to time. The Central freedom fighter pension has recently been increased by the Central Government with effect from 15.08.2016. The amount of pension being given under this scheme to different categories of freedom fighters and their dependents is at Annexure. Further, 13,093 Complimentary Rail Passes were issued/renewed by Ministry of Railways to freedom fighter pensioners during the last three years.

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Monthly Amount of Pension provided under

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana

SI. No.	Category of freedom fighters	Basic pension w.e.f. 15.08.2016 (per month)	Dearness Relief @2% w.e.f. 01.01.2017	Dearness Relief @3% w.e.f. 01.07.2017	Total amount of pension (in Rs.) per month
1.	Ex-Andaman Political Prisoners/spouse s	Rs.30,000/-	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs.30,900/-
2.	Freedom fighters who suffered outside British India/spouses	Rs.28,000/-	Rs.560/-	Rs.840/-	Rs.28,840/-
3.	Other Freedom Fighters/spouses including INA	Rs.26,000/-	Rs.520/-	Rs.780/-	Rs.26,780/-
4.	Dependent parents/eligible daughters (maximum 3 daughters at any point of time)	50% of the sum that would have been admissible to the Freedom Fighter i.e. in the range of Rs.13,000/- to Rs.15,000/-	Rs.260/- to Rs.300/-	Rs.390/- to Rs.450/-	50% of the sum that would have been admissible to the Freedom Fighter i.e. in the range of Rs.13,390/- to Rs.15,450/-