

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3225**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

**EXPENDITURE ON SALARIES**

3225. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):

SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of pensioners of defence services along with the actual estimates of pension payouts from the year 2012 to 2022;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred on salaries and pensions to defence personnel and other major heads like establishments, defence procurement during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the budget allocation for defence has been increased every year and if so, the details of the amount allocated every year, from 2014 onwards;
- (d) whether the annual budgetary allocation for defence in India is very low compared to the defence budget of China, USA and Russia and if so, the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to increase the capital expenditure in the defence sector?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): The total number of pensioners in Defence Services as on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 is 35,21,876. Actual Estimates of pension payout from 2012 to 2022 is stated below:-

(Amount in Crores)

Year	Defence Pensions (Actual Expenditure )
2012-13	43,367.71
2013-14	45,499.54
2014-15	60,449.75
2015-16	60,237.60
2016-17	87,825.80
2017-18	91,999.58
2018-19	1,01,774.61
2019-20	1,17,810.24
2020-21	1,28,065.77
2021-22	1,16,799.85

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(b): Establishment Expenditure includes all the establishment related expenditure viz. salaries, medical expenses, wages, overtime allowances, foreign travel expenses, domestic travel expenses, office expenses, materials and supplies, publications, advertising and publicity, training, other administrative expenses, POL, cost of ration, clothing and tentage, professional services, rent rates and taxes, royalty, pensionary charges, rewards and minor works, motor vehicles, information technology etc. The establishment expenditure includes both salary and non-salary segments. Details of Total expenditure incurred on Salary, Non-Salary (including Defence Stores Procurement) and Pensions of Defence personnel for the last five years are as under: -

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Total Expenditure on Salary	Total Expenditure on Non-Salary	Total Expenditure on Defence Pensions
2017-18	1,34,354.90	47,766.54	91,999.58
2018-19	1,41,508.00	50,951.59	1,01,774.61
2019-20	1,47,972.55	59,599.60	1,17,810.24
2020-21	1,45,884.74	59,855.17	1,28,065.77
2021-22*	1,57,893.39	70,668.90	1,16,799.85

\*Provisional Figures

(c):Details of budget provided to Ministry of Defence (All four Grants) in Budget Estimates (BE) from 2014-15 to 2022-23 are tabulated below: -

(Rs. in Crore)

Financial Year	BE Allocation
2014-15	2,85,202.87
2015-16	3,10,079.60
2016-17	3,40,921.98
2017-18	3,59,854.12
2018-19	4,04,364.71
2019-20	4,31,010.79
2020-21	4,71,378.00
2021-22	4,78,195.62
2022-23	5,25,166.15

It may be inferred from the above table that Budget allocation for Defence has been increasing consistently.

(d):This Ministry does not maintain expenditure data of other countries. However, based on the data available on Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Website, expenditure figures of the top five countries for the year 2021 are as under:-

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(in Current US \$ Million)

Sl. No.	Country	Expenditure for 2021
1	United States of America	800,672.20
2	China	293,351.90
3	India	76,598.00
4	United Kingdom	68,336.40
5	Russia	65,907.70

It may be seen from the above table that India's Defence Expenditure is 3<sup>rd</sup> largest among the major Defence spenders in the year 2021. It is pertinent to mention that Government resources come with a definite cost and accordingly allocations are made among various competing priorities based on the overall resource envelope of the Government. It is also stated that amongst the Central Ministries, Budget of Ministry of Defence is the highest.

(f): As a part of ongoing Defence Reforms towards enhancing Capital Expenditure, the procedural guidelines governing Capital Acquisition projects have been revised and notified vide Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020. Further, the Services have been empowered with enhanced delegated Capital procurement powers at HQrs level, including freshdelegation of financial powers for overhauls, refits and upgrades to PSOs at Service Headquarters and Field Commanders.

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