

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3724

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017 / CHAITRA 15, 1939 (SAKA)

FREEDOM FIGHTER PENSION

3724. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of freedom fighters alive and receiving pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of dependents of freedom fighters receiving family pension, State-wise;
- (c) the amount of pension/family pension being paid to freedom fighters and their dependents per month; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to increase freedom fighter pension and facilities provided to such persons?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): State-wise total number of freedom fighters and their dependents receiving pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 is at Annexure-I.

(c): The amount of pension being given under this Scheme to different categories of freedom fighters and their dependents are as at Annexure-II.

(d): The freedom fighter pension/family pension has already been revised and increased recently by the Central Government with effect from 15.08.2016.

The details of benefits/facilities provided to the freedom fighters and eligible dependents are as per Annexure-III.

STATE WISE LIST OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THEIR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS  
DRAWING PENSION UNDER SWTANTRATA SAINIK SAMMAN PENSION  
SCHEME, 1980 AS ON DECEMBER 2016

Sl no.	State	Number of Freedom fighters	Number of dependents	Total
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	15	1	16
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	1935	3071	5006
3	ASSAM	131	620	751
4	BIHAR	1928	1745	3673
5	CHANDIGARH	14	17	31
6	CHHATTISGARH	39	105	144
7	DAMAN & DIU	7	6	13
8	DELHI	162	260	422
9	GOA	471	340	811
10	GUJARAT	286	236	522
11	HARYANA	224	509	733
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	263	326	589
13	JAMMU & KASHMIR	160	573	733
14	JHARKHAND	110	154	264
15	KARNATAKA	545	1706	2251
16	KERALA	183	1273	1456
17	MADHYA PRADESH	181	317	498
18	MAHARASHTRA	1822	2965	4787
19	MANIPUR	9	12	21
20	MEGHALAYA	1	21	22
21	MIZORAM	1	1	2
22	NAGALAND	1	1	2
23	ODISHA	192	561	753
24	PUDUCHERRY	25	91	116
25	PUNJAB	592	710	1300
26	RAJASTHAN	85	199	284
27	SIKKIM	1	1	2
28	TAMIL NADU	568	1679	2247
29	TELANGANA	1083	1366	2449
30	TRIPURA	15	192	207
31	UTTAR PRADESH	554	1206	1760
32	UTTARAKHAND	124	507	631
33	WEST BENGAL	1286	3676	4964
	Grand Total	13013	24447	37460

Monthly Amount of Pension provided under  
Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980

Sl. No.	Category of freedom fighters	Present amount of pension w.e.f. 15.08.2016 (per month)
1.	Ex-Andaman Political Prisoners/spouses	Rs.30,000/-*
2.	Freedom fighters who suffered outside British India/spouses	Rs.28,000/-*
3.	Other Freedom Fighters/ spouses including INA	Rs.26,000/-*
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/-*

\* Dearness Allowance/Relief as given to the Central Government employees/pensioners has been made applicable to the freedom fighter pensioners.

Facilities provided to the Freedom Fighters

- i. Free railway pass-AC-II Class in Rajdhani trains, Chair Car in Shatabdi trains and 1<sup>st</sup> Class/AC Sleeper in all other trains for the freedom fighters/ their spouses, along with a companion, for life;
- ii. Medical facilities under Central Government Health Services (C.G.H.S) and free medical treatment in hospitals run by Public Sector Undertakings under the control of Department of Public Enterprises have also been extended to the freedom fighters and their dependents;
- iii. Telephone connection, subject to feasibility, without installation charges, and on payment of only half the rental;
- iv. Provision of 4% reservation under "Combined Category" for Physically Handicapped Personnel(PH), Outstanding Sports Persons(OSP) and Freedom Fighters(FF) in the normal selection procedure adopted by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies for allotment of petrol pumps, gas agencies etc.
- v. General pool residential accommodation (within the overall 5% discretionary quota) to the freedom fighters in Delhi. Spouse of a freedom fighter is permitted to retain the accommodation for a period of six months after death of the freedom fighter;
- vi. There is a fully furnished and old age friendly Freedom Fighters' Home at New Delhi providing transit accommodation (stay and meal) for freedom fighters/ their eligible dependents; and
- vii. In addition to the above facilities, ex-Andaman freedom fighters/their spouses have been allowed to also avail free air travel facility to visit Andaman & Nicobar Islands, once a year, alongwith a companion.