

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th March, 2023

ARREAR OF ONE RANK ONE PENSION

4127. SHRI A. RAJA:
SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has paid arrears of one rank one pension to the eligible pensioners of Armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ex-servicemen objected to the payment of arrears in installments contrary to the direction given by the Supreme Court; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of payment of arrears in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The payment of arrears of OROP to eligible pensioners of Armed Forces is in progress as per policy of the Government. So far Rs. 5065.70 crore have been paid as arrear of OROP to eligible pensioners of Armed Forces as on 13.03.2023.

(c) & (d): A Miscellaneous Application No. 219/2023 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.419/2016 was filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court by Indian Ex-Servicemen Movement (an All India Federation of Military Veterans Organisation). Government has filed an affidavit in Hon'ble Supreme Court seeking extension of time for the payment of arrears of OROP. The matter was heard on 20.03.2023 and decision of the Supreme Court is awaited.
