

Act, *inter alia*, deals with terrorist acts, proceeds of terrorism, terrorist organizations and individuals involved in unlawful activities.

(c) and (d) The issue of drug trafficking continues to be a serious concern.

Expenditure on freedom fighters' pension

519. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons are receiving pension under freedom fighters pension scheme;

(b) the State-wise figures thereof; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred by Government on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) 37,356 persons are receiving Central Samman Pension as on 31st March, 2017. State-wise figures are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Total expenditure incurred by Government during 2017-18 on this account till October, 2017 is ₹ 594.81 crore.

Statement

State-wise details of persons drawing pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana as on 31st March 2017

Sl. No.	State	Total number of persons
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	16
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4937
3.	Assam	736
4.	Bihar	3655
5.	Chandigarh	32
6.	Chhattisgarh	143
7.	Daman and Diu	13
8.	Delhi	417
9.	Goa	817
10.	Gujarat	519
11.	Haryana	721

Sl. No.	State	Total number of persons
12.	Himachal Pradesh	579
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	733
14.	Jharkhand	260
15.	Karnataka	2249
16.	Kerala	1484
17.	Madhya Pradesh	500
18.	Maharashtra	4738
19.	Manipur	21
20.	Meghalaya	23
21.	Mizoram	2
22.	Nagaland	2
23.	Odisha	756
24.	Puducherry	124
25.	Punjab	1265
26.	Rajasthan	362
27.	Sikkim	1
28.	Tamil Nadu	2252
29.	Telangana	2472
30.	Tripura	210
31.	Uttar Pradesh	1752
32.	Uttarakhand	628
33.	West Bengal	4937
GRAND TOTAL		37356

Steps taken for protection of journalists

520. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of cases of violence against journalists and 120 the details of the number of convictions that have taken place in such cases;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government to provide protection to journalists, facing work related threats since 2014; and