

**Waiving off of income tax on disability pension**

\*150. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent a proposal to Ministry of Finance to waive off income tax on the disability pension for Defence personnel; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

***Statement***

(a) A clarification was sought by Ministry of Defence on Circular No. 13 dated 24.06.2019 issued by CBDT, Ministry of Finance. It has been clarified by CBDT that above Circular dated 24.06.2019 issued by them is only clarificatory in nature and all other Circulars issued earlier are operative.

(b) In view of (a) above, Question does not arise.

SHRI RIPUN BORA: Sir, actually my question was that the Ministry of Defence has sent one proposal to the Ministry of Finance to waive off the income tax on the disability pension for defence personnel. Now, the Minister has replied that Ministry of Defence has written a letter to CBDT and CBDT has also replied to that. I want to know from the hon. Minister if the Ministry of Finance has agreed to this proposal of the Ministry of Defence.

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: सभापति महोदय, disability pension पर income tax के exemption को लेकर Defence Ministry ने Finance Ministry से एक clarification seek किया था। मैं आपके माध्यम से जानकारी देना चाहता हूँ कि Finance Ministry के द्वारा, यानी CBDT के द्वारा Defence Ministry को clarification प्राप्त हो चुका है। जहाँ तक disability pension पर income tax में exemption देने का प्रश्न है, तो जो during service period invalidate हो जाएँगे, केवल उन्हीं को income tax में exemption की सुविधा प्राप्त होगी।

SHRI RIPUN BORA: Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister, are the personnel of the three forces, i.e., Army, Navy and Air Force, getting three different and separate compensation facilities for disability?

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: सभापति महोदय, मैं समझता हूँ कि मुझे इसके बारे में जानकारी लेनी पड़ेगी और जानकारी प्राप्त होने के बाद ही मैं सदन को अवगत करा पाऊँगा। वैसे यदि सारी detailed जानकारी चाहेंगे कि disability या pension क्या है, यह कैसे निर्धारित होता है और किन मामलों में

disability pension दी जाती है, तो इसका जवाब बहुत लंबा है। यदि आप इस समय के मौजूदा provisions भी जानना चाहेंगे, तो मैं आपको वे भी दे दूँगा, लेकिन आपने जो जानकारी चाही है, मैं समझता हूँ कि वह इस प्रश्न से सीधे सम्बन्धित नहीं है। मैं इसकी जानकारी हासिल करके आपको अवगत करा दूँगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The next supplementary question is of Shri Amar Shankar Sable.  
...(Interruptions)...

**श्रीमती विप्लव ठाकुर:** सर, very important.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are always important. ...(Interruptions)... Very rarely revolutions happen, विप्लव कभी-कभी आता है, हरेक दिन विप्लव कैसे होता है?

**श्री अमर शंकर साबले:** सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से रक्षा मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या दिव्यांग रक्षा कर्मियों की अच्छी सेवा के लिए उनके परिवार को कोई विशेष सुविधा देने की सरकार की कोई योजना है?

**श्री राजनाथ सिंह:** सभापति महोदय, हमारे जो भी veterans हैं; Army, Naval Force अथवा Air Force के जो भी retired personnel हैं, सरकार उनकी चिंता करती भी है और उनके प्रति समस्त देशवासियों के मन के अन्दर बेहद सम्मान भी है।

**श्री सभापति:** बहुत दिन के बाद राजनाथ जी का सवाल आया है और राजनाथ जी से सदस्य इतना प्यार करते हैं, इसलिए सम्बन्धित-असम्बन्धित, सब प्रश्न पूछते रहते हैं।

Hon. Members, I am sorry, I have to make an observation because it is happening time and again. There were fifteen Starred Questions today and seven Members were absent. After having asked the questions, if they are absent, it is a sorry state of affairs. I hope the media will publish the names of those hon. Members who were kind enough not to come to the House in spite of putting the questions also. Today is Monday, a working day. This is a very serious matter.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Initiatives to boost coal production

1441. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the various initiatives taken by Government to boost domestic coal production;