

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 202
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023)

CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER THE DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE

202 SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any details about the total number of certificates issued under the Digital Life Certificate since its launch in 2014;
- (b) the number of people who have obtained Digital Life Certificates in the State of Tripura since 2014, year-wise; and
- (c) the additional measures undertaken by the Ministry to make the scheme more accessible to the pensioners?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 202 FOR 21.12.2023 REGARDING DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE ASKED BY SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB, MP.

(a) to (c): Yes Sir, Central Civil Pensioners, Defence, Railway, Telecom, Postal Pensioners and EPFO Pensioners have to submit a life certificate in the period from 1-30 November every year for the continuation of pension. In 2014, Government launched the Digital Life Certificate (Jeevan Pramaan) based on the Aadhaar database. The details of the number of DLCs generated in the country and in the State of Tripura are at Table 1.

Table 1: DLC's in India and State of Tripura from 2014-2023

S. No.	Year	DLC's in India	DLC's in Tripura
1.	2014	109751	31
2.	2015	1315150	2626
3.	2016	5058451	6532
4.	2017	9901542	13833
5.	2018	8994834	12349
6.	2019	9965509	15945
7.	2020	9897459	14033
8.	2021	11191451	19698
9.	2022	14129489	22612
10.	2023*	11775322	21791

*progress upto 30 November 2023, annual data is collated upto 31 March 2023

In the period 2014-2022 the number of pensioners submitting DLC's in India has increased by 128 times and in the State of Tripura has increased by 730 times.

In 2021, Face Authentication Technique was developed for the generation of DLCs. Government has conducted nationwide DLC campaigns to ensure the digital empowerment of pensioners in 2022 and 2023. 38.99 lac central government pensioners submitted DLC including 9.76 lac through face authentication in DLC Campaign 2023.

Government has provided doorstep service for the annual submission of DLCs to super senior pensioners. 285739 central government pensioners above the age of 80 including 24645 pensioners above 90 years of age submitted DLC in 2023. Pensioners' Awareness Programs, Bankers' Awareness Programs and Pre-Retirement counseling workshops are held on regular basis, both physically and online to familiarize and popularize DLCs and the Face Authentication Technique.
