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

RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024)

PROMOTION OF JEEVAN PRAMAAN IN ANDHRA PRADESH

*188. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Digital Life Certificate (DLC), i.e., Jeevan Pramaan has been promoted in Andhra Pradesh to enhance the ease of living of the Central Government pensioners;
- (b) whether a Face Authentication technology system, based on the Aadhaar database, is being used so that, life certificate can be submitted from any Android-based smartphone;
- (c) whether this has reduced the dependence of pensioners on external bio-metric devices and made the process more accessible to the masses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 FOR 08.08.2024 REGARDING PROMOTION OF JEEVAN PRAMAAN IN ANDHRA PRADESH BY SHRI V.VIJAYASAI REDDY, MP.

(a) to (d): Yes Sir, Central Government Pensioners have to submit a life certificate in the period 1-30th November every year for continuation of pension. From November 2021, the Digital Life Certificate i.e. Jeevan Pramaan can also be submitted by face authentication from an android smartphone. In 2014, Government launched the Digital Life Certificate (Jeevan Pramaan) based on the Aadhaar database.

Government has provided doorstep service for the annual submission of DLCs to super senior pensioners. 3.15 lakh Central Government pensioners above the age of 80 including 30,500 pensioners above 90 years of age submitted DLC in 2023. In the DLC campaign 2023, in Andhra Pradesh, DLC camps were held in 3 Districts - Vishakhapatnam, Guntur and East Godavari with Union Bank of India and State Bank of India as the Nodal Pension Disbursing Banks. Pensioners' Awareness Programmes, Bankers' Awareness Programmes and Pre-Retirement counseling workshops are held on regular basis, both physically and online to familiarize and popularize DLCs and the Face Authentication Technique.

Face authentication has digitally empowered the pensioners and they no longer need to visit bank branches/ service centers for submission of Life Certificates. The year-wise details of DLC/Face Authentication for the period 2014-2023 in the country and in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as follows:

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