

### **Regarding challenges faced by veteran soldiers in availing disability pensions**

**CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA (DAKSHINA KANNADA):** Thank you, Madam. I want to raise the issue faced by veteran soldiers in availing of disability pension once they are out of service.

A soldier is never out of duty, but circumstances may lead them to retire, especially in cases of injuries. When such cases occur, we should collectively support the family in obtaining the disability pension. Numerous veterans have reported an overly complex administrative process. Once the documents are submitted and the reports are provided, their applications are often stalled by repeated requests for additional documents and assessments.

Many court cases, litigations, and court appearances are currently taking place. Therefore, I urge the Ministry to ensure that ex-servicemen do not have to endure this. The Ministry should establish a single-window system to enhance accountability and ensure a standardized process so that veterans do not face these challenges in availing of their disability pension. Thank you.