

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3575
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2003
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of the freedom fighters in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the monthly pension being paid to these freedom fighters; and
- (c) the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a): A State-wise statement indicating the number of freedom fighters in whose cases pension has been sanctioned by the Central Government as on 31.7.2003 is annexed.

(b) & (c): The pension payable to various categories of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme as on date is as under:

S.No. Category Rate of monthly pension w.e.f 15.8.1997 (Rupees)

- 1. (a) Ex-Andaman Political Prisoners Rs. 4,000/-
(b) Freedom fighters who suffered outside British India (other than INA) Rs. 3,500/-

2. Other Freedom Fighters including INA Rs. 3,000/-

3. Widow/Widower of above categories of freedom fighter. Rs. 3,000/-
4 Unmarried/Unemployed Daughters:

- (a) Eldest daughter Rs. 600/-
- (b) Other two daughters Rs. 350/- each

5 Mother and Father Rs. 1000/-

The pension was linked with All India Consumer Price Index (AICPI) and Dearness Relief is also paid with effect from 1.8.1998 on pension amount. Presently Dearness Relief at the rate of 34% is payable to Freedom Fighters with effect from 1.8.2002.

S1.No. Name of STATE/UT NO. OF PENSIONS SANCTIONED

1	Andhra Pradesh	11,652
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3	Assam	4,436
4	Bihar	24,853
5	Goa	911
6	Gujarat	3,588
7	Harayana	1,680
8	Himachal Pradesh	607
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1,806

10	Karnataka	10,037
11	Kerala	2,996
12	Madhya Pradesh	3,370
13	Maharashtra	16,559
14	Manipur	62
15	Meghalaya	86
16	Mizoram	04
17	Nagaland	03
18	Orissa	4,187
19	Punjab	7,004
20	Rajasthan	805
21	Tamil Nadu	4,095
22	Tripura	887
23	Uttar Pradesh	17,985
24	West Bengal	22,456
25	Andaman Nicobar Islands	03
26	Chandigarh	89
27	Dadra Nagar & Haveli	83
28	Daman & Diu	33
29	NCT of Delhi	2,041
30	Pondicherry	316
31	Indian National Army (INA)1	22,466

Total 1,65,100