

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4477
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BURMA BATTALIAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was any regiment in Indian Army called Burma Battalion;
- (b) if so, whether the benefits available in armed forces are being provided to the soldiers who have been medically discharged from the said regiment;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government would consider to provide the benefits to those soldiers for which they are entitled; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): As per records dating back to 1948, no regiment of the Indian Army was named the Burma Battalion. Prior to Independence some Indian nationals had joined the Burmese Army. The pension liability of the Burmese Army pensioners of Indian origin and Nepalese origin is of the Government of Myanmar. With a view to compensating these Burmese Army pensioners of Indian/Nepalese origin and to meet the rise in cost of living, ex-gratia ad-hoc allowance is borne by the Government of India.