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Title : Need to implement 'One Rank One Pension' scheme for Defence Personnel.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH): A genuine demand for introduction of "One Rank-One Pension" for the Defence personnel has been pending for indeed a very long time. The Nation owes a heavy debt to our Defence Forces for protecting our borders and preserving the nation's unity and integrity besides coming to the aid of the civilian authorities in times of extreme natural calamities. However, their early retirement puts them to a great disadvantage in the materialistic world. Being a class by themselves, the benefit of "One Rank-One Pension" can be and deserves to be extended to them without fear of any similar demand from elsewhere.

Also, lateral absorption of retiring Defence personnel in various para-military forces and other civilian services is essential to attract capable youngsters to the Armed Forces.

Accordingly, I urge the Government to introduce a scheme of "One Rank-One Pension" and also amend the relevant Rules to provide for absorption of retiring Defence personnel on equivalent posts in other Services.