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Title: Regarding delay in giving central pension to freedom fighters in the country.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): I would like to place before this House a very serious issue. For the last six months, our freedom fighters or their relatives are not getting central pension. Earlier, they were getting the pension through the Treasury. I do not know the reason why the Government has decided to change it from Treasury to Banks. After that, they were not getting the pension. At the same time, they are getting the State pensions. We know that the freedom fighters or their relatives are really in the sick bed. Every month, they are really seeking whether they are getting the pension or not. We are getting a number of calls in this regard. So, I would urge upon the Government to take necessary steps to give this pension either in the Treasury or in the Banks in time.

HON. SPEAKER:

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