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Title: Need to implement the One Rank-One Pension scheme.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN (VADAKARA): Respected Deputy-Speaker, Sir, one Rank-One Pension to serving defence personnel and Ex-Servicemen has been a long pending demand. The successive Governments had promised that this genuine demand will be fulfilled in letter and spirit. The last UPA Government had set apart an amount of Rs. 500 crore for implementing the pension scheme. The present Government has also promised to the Army Personnel and Ex- Servicemen to implement the scheme at the earliest. But, it is shocking to note that no allocation whatsoever has been made in the last Budget for this purpose. Justice delayed is justice denied. I, therefore, request the Government to complete all the formalities after having consultations with three chiefs of defence forces and other stakeholders so that the issue is resolved and justice is done.