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Title: Need to address the problems faced by retired bank employees.

SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANAPAL (SAHARANPUR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards bank retirees in the country who have been agitating for the last more than one decade under the banner of All India Bank Retirees Federation (AIBRF) which represents more than 1,55,000 retirees from 44 banks on the following long pending demands/issues:

1. There are about 60,000 surviving retirees who retired before November, 2002 who get dearness allowance at much lower rate since May 2005. About 2,40,000 retirees who retired after Nov. 2002 get dearness allowance at higher rate as per the settlement signed in 2005. This group of retirees strongly feel that this is sheer discrimination. These retirees are at the advancing age and most of them are above 70 years presently.
2. AIBRF have been pleading with IBA/Government to increase dearness allowance at par with the Government sector/RBI to ensure dignified life to the family after death of pensioners.
3. Updation of Basic Pension to past retirees.
4. Pension option to left over retirees.
5. IBA must hold discussion with AIBRF.

Apart from the above, I would like to urge the Government to kindly also favorably consider all other pending issues pertaining to Bank retirees in the country and to take necessary steps to solve their problems.