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Title: Need for early disbursement of pension of retired artists of North Karnataka.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD): The artists of yesteryears are facing financial problems due to delay in sanctioning of pension which have been granted to them. Since many of them are very old and incapable of doing any other work to sustain their livelihood the only source of income for them is their pension. Due to this delay pensioners, especially in my region, which is the whole of Northern Karnataka, known to produce talented artists in the country are facing acute poverty. In view of this, I request the Government to kindly take cognizance of this matter and ensure early disbursement of pension.