

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4457
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FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM NER
Thota Shri Narasimham

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any record regarding the freedom fighters hailing from the North Eastern region of the country;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that their names are not familiar to the rest of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to include the history of the freedom fighters from the North Eastern Region in the curriculum of the students; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

- (a): Ministry of Home Affairs grants Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension to those freedom fighters and their eligible dependents (as also of martyrs) who fulfill the eligibility criteria and evidentiary requirements laid down in the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980. Since inception of the Scheme, 5484 freedom fighters/eligible dependents from North Eastern Region have been granted Central Samman Pension and at present 1384 are living and drawing the pension.
- (b) to (e): National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has reported that the present history curriculum does not have specific region-wise coverage of the history of freedom fighters as it has been developed based on a thematic approach to promote "conceptual understanding" of history among students as per National Curriculum Framework- 2005.