

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3176

ANSWERED ON:16.03.2016

Physical Verification of Retired Employees

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has recently launched an exercise to

(b) physically verify all its retired employees aged between 80 and 100 years;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof along with the total number of pensioners in the Railways at present;

(c) the pension expenditure the Railways is incurring on retired employees above 80 years of age per year along with the total number of such pensioners; and

(d) the time by which the exercise of physical verification of all its retired employees is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3176 BY SHRI GAURAV GOGOI, SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO AND SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2016 REGARDING PHYSICAL VERIFICATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES.

(a) & (b): As per extant instructions, every pensioner/family pensioner is required to submit a life certificate to the pension disbursing authority in the month of November every year. The pension for the month of November and onwards is released to the pensioner/family pensioner by the pension disbursing authority on submission of the life certificate. No specific directives have been given for physical verification of pensioners aged between 80 and 100 years. The total number of pensioners on Indian Railways is 1378937.

(c): The total pension expenditure incurred by Railways during 2014-15, including pension payment to pensioners above age of 80 years is `28642.08 crore. There are approximately 286093 pensioners/family pensioners above 80 years of age. However, no separate expenditure is recorded agewise.

(d): The exercise of obtaining life certificates is carried out by pension disbursing authorities in the month of November, every year. However, the certificate is accepted in subsequent months also.
