

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:266
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PENSION TO DELHI PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that pensioners of Delhi Public Library are not getting their pension payments regularly during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Pension allocated funds have been diverted/re-appropriated to another head of Accounts; and
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Ministry of Culture has allocated funds to the tune of Rs.180 Lakhs under Non-Plan Grants-in-aid General to Delhi Public Library during the current financial year 2014-15. All the expenditure such as pension to retired employees including retirement benefits and all the expenditure relating to the office expenses are met under this Head. The total monthly outlays on pension alone to retired employees comes to Rs.33 Lakhs. An amount of Rs.135 Lakhs have so far been released to the Delhi Public Library within the prescribed ceiling of 75% of the total grant of Rs.180 Lakhs. This amount has reportedly so far been proved to be an insufficient amount and as a result the pensioners are not getting their pension since June, 2014.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) An additional amount of Rs.520 Lakhs as Grants-in-Aid General (Non-Plan) has been projected to Ministry of Finance (Budget Division), in Revised Estimates 2014-15 and also proposed for inclusion in the 1st Batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants 2014-15.