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Title: Need to enhance the Central Government pension amount and to cover more categories of pensioners.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, in Tamil Nadu social security pensions are provided under eight schemes while the Government of India supports three pension schemes. In May 2011, the Government of Tamil Nadu raised the monthly pension from Rs.500 to Rs.1000. The Government of India's support extends only from Rs.200 to Rs.500 per beneficiary per month. The total financial commitment to the State Government for a year is Rs.4,491 crore, whereas the Government of India contributes only around Rs.600 crore a year.

Our beloved leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had already requested the hon. Prime Minister to consider the following suggestions: (1) to enhance the Central Government pension amount to Rs.1000 per month; (2) to cover more categories of pensioners like in Tamil Nadu; and (3) to remove the ceiling on the number of beneficiaries under the Central schemes.

Thank you.