

I shall certainly share that with the House and shall take a decision with the opinion of the House.

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay-North): Will you not discuss with us? (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: He has already said that he will hold discussion on about it.

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune): Sir, nearly 200 representatives of the Ex-Servicemen have begun their fast and dharna at India Gate, New Delhi, from today in protest against the delay on the part of the Government in implementing "one rank one pension" formula in respect of those veterans who have fought bravely for the Motherland. The Government should have avoided this bitter turn and compelling them to take recourse to fast and dharna. The Government should immediately diffuse the discontentment among all veterans and ex-servicemen and take steps in effecting the formula of 'one rank one pension'. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh): Sir, this whole question of 'one rank one pension' has the commitment of all the political parties. It is a part of our Party's manifesto also. The previous Government indeed went through an exercise for it. Even before this consideration by the previous Government, late Mrs. Gandhi had established a high level Committee for ex-Servicemen. I was member of that committee. Thereafter, on the recommendation of that high level Committee, the previous Government went through an exercise, a formulation was prepared, I was party to the preparation of that formulation also, and an announcement was made. What is extremely distressing is that after the announcement was made it

was withdrawn and one rank one pension or ad hoc increment that was granted to ex-Servicemen was withdrawn. This is a very unsatisfactory state. This question of their sitting in dharna at the Boat Club etc. is only an aspect of this unsatisfactory state of affairs. I would beseech the Government—the hon. Finance Minister is also here—that we must consider this issue of one rank one pension, which has greatly agitated the ex-servicemen all over the country and take very early decision on this, Sir.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Roser): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we all support this issue. One issue out of these four-five issues is very important. Government should deal with it seriously. This is not a party matter. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): There is a commitment on this by the Government. So it should be implemented. It has been pending for a long time.

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV (Azamgarh): We approached the President of India also on this issue. (*Interruptions*).....It is creating a lot of resentment.

SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI (Garhwal): Mr. Speaker, Sir.....(*Interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER: You also endorse it. Maj. Gen. Khanduri is also endorsing it.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH (Bikramganj): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the fact, that 'Camoor hills' located to the West and South border of Uttar Pradesh, to the East and North