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Dear Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

This has reference to your letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 regarding redressal of a long pending grievance of the Armed Forces veterans in connection with implementation of 'One Rank, One Pension' scheme in respect of the members of the Armed Forces and their families.

As you may be aware, 'One Rank One Pension' issue has been considered by various Committees/Commissions but not found feasible because of administrative, financial and legal reasons. The Committee set up under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary also recently went into this demand and other related issues, but did not recommend it. However, it made seven recommendations aimed at narrowing the gap between earlier and current pensioners. All the recommendations were accepted by the Government and implemented vide Department of Ex-servicemen letters dated 30.10.2009, 19.1.2010, 20.1.2010 and 8.3.2010, which are also available at [www.pcdapension.nic.in](http://www.pcdapension.nic.in). Substantial improvements have been brought about by the Government by implementing the Committee's recommendations.

I hope you would appreciate the position.

Yours sincerely,

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