GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**

 **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2721**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.1.2019

**PROVISIONS OF PENSIONS FOR SHORT SERVICE DEFENCE PERSONNEL**

2721. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1962, Government has maintained that pensions are being considered for Short Service Commissioned Officers, Emergency Commissioned Officers and Women Special Entry Scheme Officers in defence forces;

(b) if so, reasons as to why a monthly pension scheme for above officers has not been operationalised; and

(c) the specific timeline indicating when the serving persons would be able to avail pension, if such a scheme is being planned?

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###  ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE

(a) At present, the Short Service Commissioned / Emergency Commissioned Officers granted commission from other rank are entitled to pension on completion of 12 years of qualifying service. However, Short Service Commissioned / Emergency Commissioned Officer who is granted commission from direct civil life is entitled to Terminal Gratuity only. Women Special Entry Scheme (Officers) are also entitled for terminal gratuity.

(b) & (c): There is no new proposal under consideration.

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