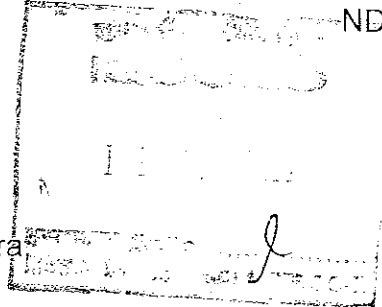


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 Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.



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To

Shri Hemanta Roy,  
 Vill. Hadigaon, PO – Tukura,  
 Distt. Goalpara – 783126,  
 Assam.

Subject: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 by Shri Hemanta Roy, Vill. Hadigaon, PO – Tukura, Distt. Goalpara – 783126.

Sir,

Please refer your application dated 31.05.2014 information sought under RTI Act, 2005 regarding how many freedom fighters are therein in Goalpara Distt., Assam, what are their contributions towards freedom struggle of India and how many of them are alive and what types of facilities are provided by Government of India towards them and their families?

2. I am to say that no such data has been made in respect of freedom fighters and their contributions towards freedom struggle of India in general and particularly of Goalpara Distt., Assam. However, as per Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980, freedom fighters are provided with the following facilities by the Government of India :

- i) Free railway passes (AC-II Tier in Rajdhani Trains, Chair Cars in Shatabdi / Janshabti Trains and 1<sup>st</sup> Class / AC-II Sleeper in all other trains) for the freedom fighters and their widows, alongwith a companion, for life.
- ii) Free medical facilities in all Central Government hospitals and in hospitals run by PSUs under the control of the Bureau of Public Enterprises.
- iii) CGHS facilities to the freedom fighters and their dependents.
- iv) Telephone connection, subject to feasibility, without installation charges and on payment of only half of the rental.
- v) General pool residential accommodation (within the overall 5% discretionary quota) to the freedom fighters in Delhi. Widow of a freedom fighter is also permitted to retain the accommodation for a period of six months after death of the freedom fighter,
- vi) Accommodation in the Freedom Fighter's Home set up at New Delhi for those freedom fighter who have no one look after them.
- vii) Free air travel facility to ex-Andaman Freedom fighters / their widows to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands, once a year, alongwith a companion; and

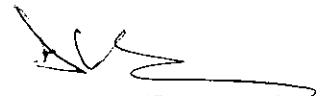
- viii) Provision of 2% reservation under Freedom Fighter (FF) category in the normal selection procedure adopted by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies for allotment of petrol pumps, gas agencies etc.

All major facilities provided to the freedom fighters are also extended to their widows.

2. In case you are not satisfied with the reply, you can appeal to the Appellate Authority as per details given below:

Shri K. K. Pathak, IAS,  
Joint Secretary (FFR),  
FFR Division, Ministry of Home Affairs,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NDCC-II Building,  
New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,



(D.K. Goel)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India  
Tele No. 23438076



Copy also to Shri Deepak Mitra, Under Secretary, Branch Sectt., Ministry of Home Affairs, 8, Esplanade East (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Kolkata – 700069 for information.



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