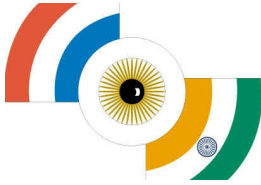


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Maintaining the Right for (Social Security Benefit) for NRIs in The Netherlands

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Dear Mr Khan,

The community of NRIs working and living in the Netherlands have been trying for a long time to draw the attention of the Government of India to an important issue of payment of Dutch Old Age Pension, that has arisen due to a new Dutch Law (Export Restrictions on Benefits Act (BEU)), coming into effect from 1st January, 2006 which will adversely affect the NRIs in the Netherlands, if they wish to move to India on their retirement.

This has been under discussion between the affected NRIs and the Indian embassy, The Hague since 2002. They in turn also have been corresponding with various authorities in India, particularly with the Ministry of Social Affairs & Empowerment about this. However, this has not led to any concrete result so far.

Since this issue has been pending for such a long time, without any response from the Government of India to us or to the Indian Embassy, we have now sent a petition to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for his intervention. A copy of this is enclosed for your kind perusal. We are still waiting for any response from PMO's Office.

We understand that your honourable self as well as some of your colleagues from Rajya Sabha, who were in Strasbourg recently to interact with the EU Parliament and others on matters affecting NRIs/PIOs, have a special role on this subject in Rajya Sabha. We would, therefore be grateful if you raise this matter with the concerned Government of India agencies, on our behalf and facilitate resolving this issue soon. If necessary, please put up a question to the Minister concerned in the coming legislative session. We have also been contemplating submitting a petition to the Rajya Sabha Petition Committee. Your help and advice in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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(On behalf of concerned NRIs mentioned in the attached list)