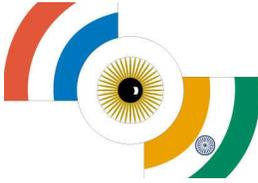


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Maintaining the Right for (Social Security Benefit) for NRIs in The Netherlands

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Dear Mr Kumar,

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 also sent a petition to the honourable Deputy Speaker of Rajay Sabha. He was kind enough to send a letter on 9-08-2005 to the Minister of NRI affairs. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith. We are still waiting for a reply from the MOIA.

On 01-06-2005 we sent an e-mail to your kind attention. The implementation date of the Dutch law is fast approaching and we have not yet received any reply. We once again approach your honourable self and would be grateful if you would be kind enough to raise this matter with the concerned department within your ministry on our behalf and facilitate resolving this issue soon. Your help and advice in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Wahid Saleh

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