

Retirement Age of Government Employees – Government of India confirms No Proposal to Alter Retirement Age. The Government of India, in response to Unstarred Question No. 2999, confirmed that there are no current proposals to change the retirement age for government employees. The Minister of State highlighted that there is no policy to abolish vacancies created by retirements and that data on retirement ages across central and state governments is not centrally maintained. Additionally, there has been no formal request from employee unions regarding changes in retirement age, reflecting a lack of demand for such alterations.

Eligibility Age for Additional Pension Benefits – Information on Parliamentary Standing Committee Report – The Indian Government's Ministry of Personnel addressed Unstarred Question No. 2991 concerning the eligibility age for additional pension benefits. The current eligibility is set at 80 years, justified by increased health-related needs of older pensioners. Recommendations to lower this age to 65, as suggested by the Parliamentary Standing Committee, have been reviewed but not pursued further. The additional pension is automatically disbursed, with measures in place to ensure timely payments. To counter inflation, dearness relief applicable to pensions is provided. The government is also considering extending these benefits to state pensioners, although no specific timeline has been established.