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Government commits to enhanced support package for Gurkha veterans

I am pleased to report that the Government is increasing Gurkha pensions by up to 34% and investing £25 million in support for Gurkha veterans in Nepal. This reflects the tremendous sacrifice and bravery of the Brigade of Gurkhas over many years.

Those veterans who joined the Brigade of Gurkhas before 2007 will benefit from a £15 million (₹2.2 bn. Nepalese Rupees) increase in the Gurkha Pension Scheme. While the increased pension will vary depending on an individual's circumstances, veterans could receive increases of up to 34% extra in their pensions. These increases will be backdated to 1st January, 2016 and will mean that Gurkha pensions will receive a total of £46 million (₹6.7 bn. Nepalese Rupees) extra this financial year.

Alongside the increased pensions, the Ministry of Defence also announced a new £25 million (₹3.6 bn. Nepalese Rupees) investment over the next ten years, for medical support for veterans living in Nepal. This new investment will be delivered in partnership with the Gurkha Welfare Trust and a series of regional healthcare facilities.

This pension increase for Gurkha veterans, alongside long-term funding for healthcare support in Nepal, honours the tremendous service of members of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo' with a horizontal line underneath.

Leo Docherty MP

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