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Dear Thank you for your email of 17 September 2021 requesting the following information:

Would you kindly arrange to provide the Regimental Associations Nepal (RAN) the following information please.

- "1. AFPS Gratuities and Resettlement Grants for period 1970 - 2007 .*
- 2. AFPS75 annual pension rates for period 1970 - 2007, including for preserved pensions.*
- 3. Annual Inflation rates to index the AFPS pension since 1970 upto 2021.*
- 4. Sterling to Indian Currency annual rates for the period 1970 -1981."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence holds some information in scope of your request but requires further information. In particular:

With regard to point one: Resettlement Grants were only introduced in 1975 and at that time these rates were not published. Resettlement Grants are not pension payments therefore the rates were not included within any of the legislation at that time, however for Other Ranks they were generally four months' pay of a Corporal and for Officers it was four months' pay of a Captain. The Pensions Authority Team in Glasgow may hold some notes of old rates of Resettlement Grants if these would be useful to you. However, as these documents are vast and in paper format, it would be helpful if you could provide the specific years you are interested in.

Gratuities were paid for a number of scenarios such as Short Service gratuities, for those with less than five years' service, and Invaliding gratuities. It would, therefore, be helpful if you could be more specific and indicate which type of gratuity your request covers.

With regard to point two, pension code rates from 1999 can be found at the following link:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20100812144310/http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/CorporatePublications/PersonnelPublications/Pensions/PensionCodes/PensionCodes.htm>

However, prior to this date they were not held in the public domain. The Pensions Authority Team, again, hold some paper copies of these rates but as these are large in number it would help if you could be more specific with regard to which years you require. Paper versions from 1973 onwards are held as this was when a major overhaul of Armed Forces Pension Scheme rates took place; prior to 1973 the rates were available within the paper versions of the Army Pensions Warrant relevant at that time it was the 1960's Army Pensions Warrant that was valid until 1977.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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