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03 December 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"...how many Gurkha veterans there are in each of the following categories;*

- a. GPS Service Pensioners in receipt of GPS*
- b. Gurkha widows in receipt of GPS pensions.*
- c. Gurkha veterans in receipt of full AFPS pensions under GOTT.*
- d. Gurkha veterans in receipt of partial AFPS pensions under GOTT.*
- e. Gurkha veterans who are listed as 'Preserved AFPS Pensioners under GOTT.*
- f. Gurkha veterans who had insufficient Army service to qualify for any Service pension."*

You clarified your request in a further email received on 18 October 2024 requesting:

*"...please confirm from your Master Record how many Gurkha veterans there are in each of the following categories;*

- a. GPS Service Pensioners in receipt of GPS*
- b. Gurkha widows in receipt of GPS pensions.*
- c. Gurkha veterans in receipt of full AFPS 75 pensions under GOTT.*
- d. Gurkha veterans in receipt of partial AFPS 75 pensions under GOTT.*
- e. Gurkha veterans who are listed as 'Preserved AFPS 75 Pensioners under GOTT."*

Your latest clarification email received on 21 November 2024 requested:

*"...how many Gurkha veterans there are in each of the following categories;*

*a. GPS Service Pensioners in receipt of GPS pensions.*

*b. Gurkha widows in receipt of GPS pensions."*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

As of 22 November 2024:

a. 11,952 members were in receipt of a Gurkha Pension Scheme (GPS) pension.

b. 7,334 dependents were in receipt of a GPS pension.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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