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Today on the Birth Anniversary of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, I wish to narrate how our hero was treated by the Government then.

One of the several reasons, Sam Manekshaw was treated badly, is mentioned in the tweet below ■■

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> Today I'm just quotating someone's words. Let's see how many of us recognise this man.
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> Real Hero of Bharat!
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> — \u0100yudhika (@Satyamev1310) April 1, 2021

When Dr.Abdul Kalam was the President, he visited Coonoor. On reaching, he came to know that Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw was in the Military Hospital there. Dr.Kalam wanted to visit Sam, which was unscheduled. Arrangements were made.

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At the bedside, Kalam spent abt 15 minutes talking to Sam & enquiring abt his health.

Just before leaving Kalam asked Sam "Are you comfortable? Is there anything I could do? Do you have any Grievance ? or any requirement that would make you more comfortable?"

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Sam said "Yes Your Excellency, I have one grievance". Shocked with concern & anguish , APJ asked him what it was .

Sam replied "Sir, my grievance is that I am not able to get up & salute the most respected President of my beloved country".

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Dr. Kalam held Sam's hand as both were in tears.

But the remaining part of the tale with regards to this meeting is the most essential part.

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He told Dr. Kalam THAT HE WAS NOT PAID THE PENSION OF THE FIELD MARSHAL'S RANK TILL THEN, FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS.

Such was treatment given to war Hero by the Governments in power.

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An aghast President went to Delhi and passed the pension with arrears within a week and sent the cheque of nearly Rs.1.25 crores through the Defence Secretary by a special plane to Wellington, Ooty, where Sam was ailing.

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That is the greatness of APJ. But then Sam received the cheque and promptly donated it to the Army Relief fund.

That was the greatness of our real hero Sam Manekshaw.

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