

**PRANAB MUKHERJEE CONDOLES THE TRAGIC KILLING OF MANIYAPPAN
KUTTY**

**GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE LIBERALISED PENSION FOR LIFE AND
COMPENSATION TO VICTIM'S WIFE**

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The Defence Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee has expressed deep shock and grief at the tragic turn of events leading to the unfortunate killing of Shri R. Maniyappan Kutty, a driver of Border Roads Organisation in Afghanistan. In a condolence message to the bereaved family Shri Mukherjee said that his heart goes out to the family members of Shri Kutty in their hour of grief and assured that all assistance will be provided to his wife and children.

The Government has decided to provide liberalized pension for life to the wife of Shri Kutty which will be as per his last pay drawn in India. She will also be given a lump sum compensation of about seven lakh rupees besides any other ex-gratia grant to be sanctioned by the Government. The education of the two children till Secondary level will also be taken care of by the Government.

Shri Kutty was working with the Border Roads Organisation for the last over 12 years and had joined the road project in Afghanistan on the 9th of this month.

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