LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 66 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME

*66. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)the quantum of fund a subscriber of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme can withdraw in case of unemployment;
- (b)whether EPFO has made changes in the rules in respect of withdrawal for the subscribers who are unemployed;
- (c)if so, the details thereof along with the benefits that the unemployed subscriber gets out of these changed rules;
- (d)the time by which the new rules are likely to be made applicable; and
- (e)whether the Government has restricted the withdrawal of employer's contribution from the EPF before the age of 58, if so, the details thereof and the likely effects of the said decision on the workers working in private factories and who have enrolled themselves in EPF Scheme along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 66 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018 BY SHRI SATAV RAJEEV AND DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT REGARDING EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME.

- (a) Paragraph 69(2) of Employees' Provident Funds (EPF) Scheme, 1952 enables a member to withdraw the full amount standing to his credit in the Fund on ceasing to be an employee in an establishment for a continuous period of two months immediately preceding the date on which he makes an application for withdrawal. The requirement of two months waiting period shall not, however, apply in cases of female members resigning from the services of the establishment for the purpose of getting married.
- (b) & (c) The Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) in its 222nd meeting held on 26.06.2018 has considered a proposal for insertion of paragraph 68HH in EPF Scheme, 1952 to enable a member who is no longer in employment for a continuous period of one month, to avail 75 per cent of the total fund standing to his credit.
- (d) A gazette notification amending the EPF Scheme, 1952 for giving effect to the above proposal is yet to be issued.
- (e) No, Madam.

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 67 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES

†*67. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV: SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether only 17 per cent of the total labourers in the country are covered under the benefits of social security schemes at present and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes a complete overhaul of the social security system in the interest of the labourers and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the scheme prepared in this regard;
- (c)whether the Government proposes to amalgamate the existing 15 laws into one "labour code" and if so, the details thereof;
- (d)whether the labour unions are not convinced that the changes are necessary, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e)whether the consent of the States is essential for amending the existing laws and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the States thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *67 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018 RAISED BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV & SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES.

- (a): No such data is maintained centrally. However, number of contributory members in EPFO & Insured Persons in ESIC, as on 31.3.2017, are 4.71 crore & 3.19 crore respectively.
- (b) to (e): The Second National Commission on Labour had recommended that the existing Labour Laws should be broadly grouped into four or five Labour Codes on functional basis. Accordingly, Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) has taken steps for drafting four Labour Codes on Wages; Industrial Relations; Social Security; and Occupation Safety, Health and Working Conditions respectively by simplifying, amalgamating and rationalizing the relevant provisions of the existing Central Labour Laws.

As regards the Code on Social Security, the draft of the Labour Code on Social Security and Welfare, 2017 was placed on the website of the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) on 16th March, 2017 for consultations and comments of the stakeholders. Continuing the prelegislative consultative process, the revised draft of Labour Code on Social Security, 2018 has been placed on the website of the Ministry on 1st March, 2018 for information of all stakeholders, and also inviting suggestions/comments/inputs from Employers' Organisations and Central Trade Unions recognized by the Central Government (MoLE) and the State Governments and other Stakeholders. This Code amalgamates and subsumes 15 Labour Laws, as follows:-

- 1. The Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008
- 2. The Employees' Compensation Act, 1923
- 3. The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948
- 4. The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952
- 5. The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961
- 6. The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972
- 7. The Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1946
- 8. The Limestone and Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1972
- 9. The Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare (Cess) Act, 1976
- 10. The Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1976

- 11. The Beedi Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1976
- 12. The Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976
- 13. The Cine Workers Welfare (Cess) Act, 1981
- 14.The Cine Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1981
- 15. The Building and Other Construction Workers Cess Act, 1996

The details of the Code and further explanations are available on the Ministry's website https..// labour.gov.in. The proposal at present is in pre-legislative consultation stage. The Ministry will take and consider inputs from all stakeholders, including State Governments before finalizing the policy/code.

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES

*165. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether all establishments across the country with 20 or more employees whose basic wages are upto Rs. 15,000/-, are required to be mandatorily covered under the social security schemes run by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);
- (b)if so, the details thereof;
- (c)whether EPFO manages social security funds of workers in the organised/semi-organised sector in the country and has more than 6 crore active members; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018 BY SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES.

- (a) & (b): Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) administers the Social Security Schemes framed under the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF & MP) Act, 1952. The provisions of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 are mandatorily applicable to:-
 - (i) Every establishment, which is a factory engaged in any industry specified in Schedule -I to the Act in which twenty or more persons are employed; and
 - (ii) Any other establishment employing twenty or more persons or class of such establishments as notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette.

There are 5,79,120 contributory establishments registered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 as on 31.03.2018. The employees, working in covered establishments, whose wages are upto Rs. 15,000/- per month, are required to be enrolled as Provident Fund (PF) members mandatorily.

(c) & (d) During the financial year 2017-18, the establishments covered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952, remitted contribution in 6.23 crore member accounts.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 701 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES

701. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government proposes extension of social security schemes to unorganised sector workers; and
- (b)if so, the details thereof along with the benefits likely to accrue to the unorganised sector workers therefrom?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Labour & Employment, through its Labour Welfare Organizations across the country, implements welfare schemes relating to housing, education and health for beedi workers, mica mine workers, limestone & dolomite mine workers, iron ore manganese, chrome ore mine workers and cine workers. These schemes were earlier administered through 5 Welfare Cess and Welfare Funds under various Cess Acts of Parliament. Now, these cesses have been abolished/subsumed in GST and the welfare schemes have been retained with funding from the Consolidated Fund of India. Salient features of these welfare schemes: are as follows:

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- (i) Revised Integrated Housing Scheme-2016: Subsidy of Rs.1,50,000 for construction of a new house is provided to the workers in three installments.
- (ii) Education Scheme: Financial Assistance varying from Rs.250 to Rs.15,000 per year is provided to the wards of the workers studying in classes I to XII or pursuing non-professional and professional degree/graduate/post graduate courses.
- (iii) Health Scheme: Health care facilities are provided to the workers and their dependents through 12 hospitals and 286 dispensaries under Labour Welfare Organizations across the country. In addition, reimbursement of expenditure for specialized treatment taken in Government recognized hospitals is also provided.

The above three schemes have been extended upto the financial year 2019-20.

In addition to the above welfare schemes, the Central Government has recently converged the social security schemes of Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana (AABY) with Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) to provide life and disability coverage to the unorganised workers (in the age group 18-50 years) depending upon their eligibility. PMJJBY gives coverage of Rs.2 lakhs on death at premium of Rs.330/- per annum. PMSBY gives coverage of upto Rs.2 lakhs on accidental death and disability at premium of Rs.12 per annum. Under the scheme, the Central Government contributes 50% of the premium for eligible unorganized workers and has requested the States to contribute the remaining 50% premium.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 754 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

MEDICAL INSURANCE OF ESIC MEMBERS

†754. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government is considering to give the facility of Medical Insurance cover to provide better medical facilities to the pensioners of Employee Provident Fund Organisation(EPFO);
- (b)if so, the details thereof; and
- (c)if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b): A pilot scheme to extend medical benefits to Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) 1995 pensioners drawing minimum pension upto Rs. 1000/- per month under EPS, 1995 and residing in Delhi through Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals has been formulated. The consultative process is underway.
- (c): Does not arise in view of the reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Question above.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 777 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

WELFARE OF FILM INDUSTRY WORKER

777. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government is aware that a huge number of workers such as light men, spot boys, painters etc. are working in the Film Studios in Mumbai and if so, the details thereof;
- (b)whether the Government is aware that they are reportedly denied/not provided with the basic facilities like ESIS, PPF, Pension, Leave, Fixed working hours, etc. under Labour Law by the Film industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (c)whether the Government will make a survey to find out the condition of this workforce in the film studios and take action so that they get all facilities under Labour Law including ESIS, PPF etc; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): As on date, 7,208 such workers have been issued identity cards by the Labour Welfare Organization, for the purpose of extending benefits of various welfare schemes being implemented by this Organization.
- (b): No information with regard to denial of basic facilities like ESIS, PPF, Pension, Leave, Fixed working hours, etc. has been received.
- (c) & (d): Vide notification number SO 3455 dated 4th November 1988, the Central Government has delegated all the powers related to the Working Conditions and Welfare of Cine-Workers and Cinema Theatre Workers, as defined under the Cine Workers and Cinema Theatre Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1981, except power to make rules, to the State Governments.

In the light of the above, the State Governments are mandated to conduct such surveys.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 843 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

HIKE IN EPFO WAGE CEILING

843. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has shelved a proposal approved by the central board of Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) to increase the salary threshold from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 21,000 per month to bring more workers under mandatory EPF coverage and give them PF and pension benefits and if so, the details thereof;
- (b)whether the Government plans to enhance the minimum pension from the current Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 3,000 per month for retired organized sector employees and if so, the details thereof;
- (c)whether the Government also plans to expand social security net to a larger pool of people and even for unorganized sector employees; and (d)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): The Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF & MP) Act, 1952 is applicable to every establishment employing 20 or more persons which is either a factory engaged in any industry specified in Schedule–I of the Act or an establishment to which the Act has been made applicable by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette.

In order to extend social security benefits to all the eligible workers in the country, continuous efforts are made to bring the coverable establishments under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 and also for bringing the eligible employees under the umbrella of Schemes under the Act.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 852 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

LABOUR WELFARE

†852. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)the schemes being run for the welfare of labourers engaged in organized and unorganized sectors in the country;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on these schemes during each of the last four years and current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c)whether the Government is considering/proposing any concrete steps for labourers and their families; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): In order to provide social security and welfare benefits to workers both in the organised and unorganised sector, the Government is implementing various Acts and Schemes. The social security to the workers in the organized sector is provided mainly through five Central Acts, namely, the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the Employee's Compensation Act, 1923, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

In order to provide social security benefits to the workers in the unorganised sector, the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 has been enacted to provide welfare schemes in matters relating to life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection to the unorganised workers. Various Ministries/Departments of the Central

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Government are implementing such social security schemes like Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development); National Family Benefit Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development); health and maternity schemes (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare). The Central Government has also converged the social security scheme of Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana (AABY) with Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) to provide life and disability coverage to the unorganised workers depending upon their eligibility. The annual premium is shared on 50:50 basis by the Central Government and the State Governments. Government has recently approved the launch of Ayushman Bharat – National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) during the year 2018-19 which will cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approx... 50 crore beneficiaries) based on deprivation and occupational criteria. The available data in respect of the schemes is given at Annexure.

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(1) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) and National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS):

(2)

Total expenditure of funds under IGNOAPS and NFBS (in lakhs)						
	Release		Expenditur	e Reported		
	IGNOAPS	NFBS	IGNOAPS	NFBS		
2014-15	418098.05	55781.27	686100.53	37780.44		
2015-16	556269.07	63941.89	554623.63	47343.61		
2016-17*	148044.42	18577.10	24459.79	2773.50		
* provisional						

(2) State-wise expenditure incurred under the components of financial support to artisans in indigent circumstances (Pension to mastercrafts Artisans) during the last four years:

State	Artisans in Indigent Circums 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
State	Amount Sanctioned/	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Utilized	Sanctioned/	Sanctioned/ Utilized	Sanctioned/
	o unide	Utilized		Utilized
Andhra Pradesh	0	108066	116949	126000
Andman & Nikobar	0	50433	38983	0
Arunachal Pradesh	23000	29033	67900	84000
Assam	206533	261297	180000	245000
Bihar	0	1225826	0	1424921
Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	0	52033	38983	42000
Delhi	0	190035	155932	199160
Goa	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	0	254098	194915	210000
Haryana	0	63033	0	31160
Himachal Pradesh	0	108066	77966	134580
Jammu & Kashmir	0	267746	116949	225580
Jharkhand	0	54033	0	0
Karnataka	0	486297	388730	451160
Kerala	0	996530	697594	535160
Madhya Pradesh	0	52033	38983	42000
Maharashtra	0	352134	316764	294000
Manipur	923599	1301000	1615900	1925000
Meghalaya	0	0	0	46740
Mizoram	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	276000	348396	432000	420000
Odisha	0	624138	0	330463
Pondicherry	0	54033	38983	0
Punjab	0	405587	233898	245000
Rajasthan	0	540330	377530	378000
Sikkim	23000	29033	0	0
Tamil Nadu	0	244068	229798	322900
Telangana	0	352134	155932	168000
Tripura	35000	29033	36000	73160
Uttar Pradesh	0	476097	324000	1047740
Uttarakhand	0	54033	36000	42000
West Bengal	0	2594071	0	2053564
Total	1487132	11602646	5910689	11097288

3. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

(Rs. In crores)

Year	Health Insurance Scheme	Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima		
	(HIS)	Yojana (MGBBY)		
	Fund released	Fund released		
2014-15	25.87	16.39		
2015-16	01.94	16.67		
2016-17	8.57	12.03		

(4) Funds released under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) during the last four year and the current year is as follows:

	Release made Under RSBY (Amounts in crores)							
Sr. No.	Name of State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	TOTAL	
1	Assam	1.06	23.24	54.72	0.00	0.00	79.02	
2	Bihar	34.07	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.07	
3	Chhattisgarh	58.81	88.77	114.09	171.38	0.00	433.05	
4	Gujarat	18.47	74.24	22.34	15.07	23.52	130.12	
5	Haryana	5.38	4.67	0.60	0.00	0.00	10.65	
6	Himachal Pradesh	3.75	13.90	12.30	6.15	0.00	36.11	
7	Jharkhand	5.51	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.51	
8	Karnataka	-	94.99	45.89	7.39	21.93	148.27	
9	Kerala	110.43	112.37	73.29	77.53	0.00	373.62	
10	Madhya Pradesh	8.21	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.21	
11	Manipur	1.73	1.17	2.20	0.00	0.00	5.10	
12	Meghalaya	1.25	4.10	4.10	0.00	11.08	20.53	
13	Mizoram	10.35	9.43	14.13	12.96	0.00	46.87	
14	Nagaland	4.66	-	0.00	4.87	0.00	9.53	
15	Odisha	93.64	59.55	31.70	55.75	0.00	240.64	
16	Puducherry	-	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	
17	Punjab	2.59	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.39	
18	Rajasthan	32.10	53.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.67	
19	Tripura	14.29	15.64	10.83	0.04	0.00	40.80	
20	Uttar Pradesh	36.47	11.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.38	
21	Uttarakhand	-	10.20	0.00	9.15	0.00	19.34	
22	West Bengal	101.65	93.38	50.47	95.01	0.00	340.51	
	Grand Total	544.42	675.10	436.66	455.30	56.53	2111.48	

(5) Under earlier Aam Admi Bima Yojana, now converged Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), normally, fifty per cent of the premium of the enrolled member is subsidized through Social Security Fund, which is maintained by Life Insurance Corporation of India. Social Security Fund is not maintained State-wise and hence, state-wise expenditure is not available. The expenditure incurred in this respect, during previous years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure (Rupees in Cr.)
2013-14	303.82
2014-15	438.57
2015-16	436.58
2016-17	385.34
2017-18	435.16

6) Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)

Statement showing State-wise SPIP Approvals & Expenditure for the component JSY under NHM for the F.Ys. 2014-15 to 2016-

S.No.	State	201	4-15	2015	-16	2016	_17*
5.110.	State	SPIP		SPIP		SPIP	
		Approvals	Expenditure	Approvals	Expenditur e	Approvals	Expenditure
. High I	Focus States	1	'		'		
1	Bihar	38714.80	29690.03	31298.31	29552.74	34339.76	12286.07
2	Chattisgarh	6006.53	5294.70	6094.13	6190.44	6914.00	3890.94
3	Himachal Pradesh	226.84	128.36	309.69	297.98	266.49	367.07
4	Jammu & Kashmir	2812.44	2167.13	3087.64	2249.78	2431.52	1450.37
5	Jharkhand	8641.13	6239.85	9471.54	6599.19	7143.20	4415.89
6	Madhya Pradesh	18979.77	17155.15	18565.50	18194.31	19240.00	12874.73
7	Orissa	9827.84	9782.53	10219.04	9513.52	9546.32	6358.18
8	Rajasthan	19408.05	18364.16	20100.18	17783.60	17628.96	13521.54
9	Uttar Pradesh	50921.07	44171.54	51184.55	36764.38	51128.79	29638.58
10	Uttarakhand	1907.20	1948.48	2113.23	1818.95	1741.45	1160.33
	Sub Total	157445.67	134941.92	152443.81	128964.88	150380.49	85963.72
. North	East States						
11	Arunachal Pradesh	181.90	84.74	230.52	139.49	202.28	51.58
12	Assam	10494.20	9056.72	8534.18	8683.12	7156.48	6392.32
13	Manipur	197.02	229.04	234.26	294.61	234.26	140.5
14	Meghalaya	368.13	234.73	416.13	296.60	462.11	240.19
15	Mizoram	188.32	70.11	129.43	73.95	128.93	119.4
16	Nagaland	175.90	120.63	184.14	79.89	182.36	31.78
17	Sikkim	31.25	26.65	22.50	48.35	31.54	16.39
18	Tripura	291.87	252.43	318.65	292.51	318.90	178.5
	Sub Total	11928.59	10075.04	10069.81	9908.52	8716.86	7170.8
. Non-H	ligh Focus States	l		I	I	I	
19	Andhra Pradesh	2509.88	3019.07	2494.88	3258.77	2765.55	1653.04
20	Goa	12.30	4.40	12.30	7.17	12.30	4.0
21	Gujarat	3580.20	3485.26	3616.47	3574.31	2823.37	2091.10

	Grand Total	203981.09	177703.85	196337.70	170872.18	192974.53	113757.89
	Sub Total	305.70	188.37	286.01	195.76	273.08	118.45
36	Puducherry	30.35	22.96	26.93	21.92	27.42	13.47
35	Lakshadweep	6.91	9.37	12.13	5.33	12.13	3.0
34	Delhi	230.00	118.19	200.85	118.77	161.00	57.8
33	Daman & Diu	2.69	1.73	3.05	1.97	3.05	0.9
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	22.40	23.46	22.00	38.51	52.74	32.6
31	Chandigarh	6.12	7.35	13.82	5.79	9.51	6.6
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7.23	5.31	7.23	3.48	7.23	3.8
Small	States/UTs						
	Sub Total	34301.13	32498.51	33538.08	31803.02	33604.10	20504.8
29	West Bengal	5967.49	6046.42	6975.84	5359.46	5640.00	3985.8
28	Telangana	2282.65	1871.57	1827.50	2205.80	2133.45	1665.1
27	Tamil Nadu	5243.87	4530.20	3991.95	3565.62	4133.57	2360.4
26	Punjab	1109.24	1367.39	1109.24	1265.90	1081.74	888.4
25	Maharashtra	5263.99	4591.24	4982.31	4471.27	5087.17	2528.7
24	Kerala	1313.12	1372.41	1369.67	1389.32	1499.38	857.8
23	Karnataka	6585.00	5499.98	6622.50	5987.91	7881.02	4119.7
22	Haryana	433.39	710.57	535.42	717.48	546.55	350.4

* Provisional

Note:

- 1) SPIP stands for State Programme Implementation Plan.
- 2) Expenditure is inclusive of previous year's unspent balance, Central grant and State share and it is updated upto 31.12.2016.
- 3) The above figures are as per FMR submitted by the States/UTs.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 919 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

EPFO NET PAYROLL ENROLMENT

919. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has revised downwards the EPFO net payroll enrolment numbers for September, 2017 to March, 2018 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b)whether these steps would take the total enrolment addition for the seven months to 3.44 million as against 3.93 million estimated earlier and if so, the details thereof;
- (c)whether the net payroll enrolment for April, 2018 was the highest since September, 2017 at 6.85 lakh; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b): Since April, 2018, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been publishing the month-wise provisional net enrolment figures of its subscribers through its web portal epfindia.gov.in. The data are being released from the month of September, 2017 onwards. The data is dynamic in nature and is being collected.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. As per the details of employees enrolled by the establishments through filing of monthly returns, the net enrolled membership to the Provident Fund for the month of April, 2018 has been 6,85,841 as per data published on 20th June, 2018.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1872

ANSWERED ON:30.07.2018

Buildings of EPFO

PASHUPATI NATH SINGH

- (a)the State-wise details of the total number of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) buildings in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of EPFO buildings for the benefit of labourers;
- (c)if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d)if not, the reasons therefor?

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENTbe pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): The total number of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)'s owned buildings in the country are 78. The State-wise details are given below:-
- SI. No.Name of State No. of owned buildings.SI. No.Name of State

No. of owned buildings.

1Andhra Pradesh 312Madhya Pradesh5

2Telangana 513Maharashtra 8

3Karnataka 514Assam1

4Goa115Tripura1

5Bihar116Odisha2

6Tamil Nadu817Punjab5

7Delhi418Himachal Pradesh 1

8Uttrakhand119Rajasthan 4

9Gujarat220Uttar Pradesh 7

10Haryana521West Bengal 6

11Kerala3Total78

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. 11 new office buildings of EPFO, in the States of Andhra Pradesh (1), Karnataka (4), Jharkhand (2), Tamil Nadu (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Odisha (1) and Uttar Pradesh (1), are under various stages of construction, besides 5 proposals are at conception stage.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1892 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

EPF INVESTMENT

1892. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has invested EFP amount in various Public Limited companies and in shares and equities of various Private Limited companies as well as blue chip shares of some private companies;
- (b)if so, the details thereof and the total amount invested, top ten company-wise;
- (c)the steps taken by Government to protect/safeguard the interests of EPF subscribers;
- (d)whether the Government has made any efforts to bring in more employees in both organized and unorganized sectors under the ambit of EPF; and
- (e)if so, the details thereof and the extent of success achieved therefrom?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is investing in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) based on Nifty 50, Sensex, Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and Bharat 22 Indices. EPFO does not invest in shares and equities of individual companies.
- (b): The total amount invested by EPFO in ETFs as on June, 2018 is Rs. 48,946 crore.

- (c): The Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) in its 207th meeting held on 31.03.2015 decided to invest only in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) in the category of equity and related investments.
- (d) & (e): The Benefits under the Schemes framed under Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF & MP) Act, 1952 are available to workers engaged in establishments to which EPF & MP Act, 1952 is applicable. The EPF & MP Act, 1952 is applicable to every establishment employing 20 or more persons which is either a factory engaged in any industry specified in Schedule-I of the Act or an establishment to which the Act has been made applicable by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette.

An Employees' Enrolment Campaign was launched by EPFO during the period 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2017, which was further extended to 30.06.2017. During the Campaign, various incentives were offered to establishments to enroll such workers who remained unenrolled for any reason between 01.04.2009 and 31.12.2016.

An employer, whether already covered or yet to be covered, could enroll employees who remained un-enrolled for any reason between 01.04.2009 and 31.12.2016 by making a declaration of such employees during the campaign period. As a result, around 1 crore employees were enrolled during the campaign.

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2034 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

CONTRACTUAL LABOURERS AT AIRPORTS

†2034. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether contractual labourers are working at various Airports of the country, especially Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport at Mumbai (Maharashtra);
- (b)if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport at Mumbai;
- (c)whether the labour laws of contractual labourers working particularly at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai are being reportedly violated and if so, the details thereof;
- (d)whether complaints regarding violation of labour laws relating to contractual labourers have been received during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e)if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/ being taken thereon along with the other steps being taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) to (c) The details regarding the contract labour deployed at Mumbai Airport is enclosed as Annexure- A.
- (d) & (e) In order to ensure compliance of various labour laws, the Centre and the States have their own enforcement agencies. In the Central sphere a well-established Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) is in place. The country-wide network of Dy. Chief Labour Commissioners (Central) and Regional Labour Commissioners (Central) under the control of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) is mandated to conduct inspections and settle the complaints/claims arising out of labour disputes.

The details of inspections conducted by the CIRM Wing under applicable labour laws during the last four years in Central Sphere establishments is enclosed as Annexure – B.

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Annexure – A

Details regarding the contract Labour deployed at Mumbai Airport for the last three years:

Year	Number of contract labourers	No. Of Inspections Conducted	No. Of Irregularities Detected	No. Of Prosecutions Filed
2015-16	6536	13	212	4
2016-17	6551	45	945	22
2017-18	6300	102	2256	84

The details of inspections conducted under applicable labour laws during the last four years in the Central Sphere.

The Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970

Serial Number	Particulars	2014	l-15 2015-1	6 2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Insp Conducted	pections 4	744 1059	8843	8490
2	No. of Irreg Detected	ularities 60	184 11793	89296	97779
3	No. of Irreg Rectified	ularities 66	228 7374	68808	68716
4	No. of Prose	ecutions 3	140 341	1 3168	3538
5	No. of Convictions	3	012 200	9 2266	2583

BOCW (RE&CS) ACT, 1996

Serial Number	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Inspections Conducted	694	2086	1372	1473
2	No. of Irregularities Detected	9546	21870	15689	20315
3	No. of Irregularities Rectified	15777	15695	16360	8808
4	No. of Prosecutions Launched	265	309	265	370
5	No. of Convictions	219	193	297	248

Equal Remuneration Act, 1976

Serial Number	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Inspections Conducted	1643	2340	4117	4386
2	No. of Irregularities Detected	1682	1846	5253	3513
3	No. of Irregularities Rectified	2634	1502	2607	2172
4	No. of Prosecutions Launched	535	178	301	408
5	No. of Convictions	762	472	317	516

ISMW (RE&CS) Act, 1979

Serial Number	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Inspections Conducted	78	173	122	209
2	No. of Irregularities Detected	1038	2744	2214	2952
3	No. of Irregularities Rectified	1734	2240	1848	1939
4	No. of Prosecutions Launched	49	61	52	57
5	No. of Convictions	35	44	59	47

Payment of Wages (Mines)

Serial Number	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Inspections Conducted	1657	1353	1872	1955
2	No. of Irregularities Detected	17802	12441	17774	15792
3	No. of Irregularities Rectified	23308	13734	14633	9398
4	No. of Prosecutions Launched	1121	216	515	312
5	No. of Convictions	709	258	255	610

Payment of Wages (Railway)

Serial Number	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Inspections Conducted	619	153	338	918
2	No. of Irregularities Detected	3484	1439	2117	5872
3	No. of Irregularities Rectified	17872	1939	2296	1921
4	No. of Prosecutions Launched	0	0	31	10
5	No. of Convictions	2	3	2	9

Payment of Wages (A.T.S)

Serial Number	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Inspections Conducted	66	122	211	362
2	No. of Irregularities Detected	555	1489	4076	3000
3	No. of Irregularities Rectified	629	621	3572	1087
4	No. of Prosecutions Launched	6	10	20	124
5	No. of Convictions	9	20	10	23

The Minimum wages Act, 1948

Serial Number	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	No. of Inspections Conducted	6582	9803	9151	9187
2	No. of Irregularities Detected	68747	75938	61689	77399
3	No. of Irregularities Rectified	87809	46467	53255	39620
4	No. of Prosecutions Launched	3774	1549	2321	1651
5	No. of Convictions	2782	1476	1951	2205

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3003 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

HEALTHCARE SERVICES THROUGH ESIC

†3003. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has introduced/contemplating to introduce healthcare services also for pensioners and the unorganised sector through Employees State Insurance Corporation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b)the number of labourers benefitted/ likely to be benefitted therefrom so far in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (c)the total expenditure incurred thereon so far, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3009 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

REVAMP OF LABOUR LAWS

†3009. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has initiated any survey to review/scrutinize the existing labour laws and policies in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b)if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c)whether the Government is considering to amend the existing labour laws and if so, the details thereof;
- (d)whether the Government has consulted various labour organizations and industrial organizations and all other stakeholders in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government in the field of labour welfare in accordance to the international treaties and conventions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Reforms in labour laws are an on-going process to update the legislative system to address the need of the hour so as to make them more effective, flexible and in sync with emerging economic and industrial scenario. Accordingly, in line with the recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour, the Ministry has taken steps for drafting four Labour Codes on Wages; Industrial Relations; Social Security; and Occupation Safety, Health and Working Conditions respectively, simplifying, amalgamating and by rationalizing the relevant provisions of the existing Central Labour Contd..2/-

Laws. Out of these, the Labour Code on Wages has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 10.08.2017 and subsequently, referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour. The rest of the codes are at pre-legislative consultative stage.

- (d): The process of Legislative reforms on Labour includes consultation with stakeholders including Central Trade Unions recognized by the Central Government (Ministry of Labour and Employment), Employers' Association and State Governments in the form of tripartite consultation. Suggestions/comments received during the tripartite consultations are taken into account/considered while finalizing the amendment in various Act/Rules.
- (e): Conventions of International Labour Organization (ILO), on ratification create legally binding obligation for ratifying country. Ratification of a convention is a voluntary process. India ratifies a convention only when our national laws and practices are in full conformity with the Convention. The existing Labour Laws provides a number of welfare measures for workers which ensure wage security, job security, social security and various other safety, health and welfare measures.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3033 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

EPFO DISTRICT OFFICES/SERVICE CENTRES

3033. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the EPFO has upgraded its district offices/service centres at various places in the country;
- (b)if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c)whether it is also proposed to open more EPFO offices in various States/UTs in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new offices are likely to be opened?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The EPFO has upgraded 117 District Offices/Service Centres at various places in the country. The details are annexed.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam.

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Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3033 for 06.08.2018 by Shri Venkatesh Babu T.G. regarding EPFO District Offices/Service Centres.

SI. NO.	STATE	NO. OF DISTRICT OFFICES
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	11
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1
3	ASSAM	4
4	BIHAR	5
5	CHATTISGARH	1
6	GUJARAT	8
7	HARYANA	5
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4
9	JHARKHAND	7
10	KARNATAKA	8
11	KERALA	5
12	MADHYA PRADESH	6
13	MAHARASHTRA	4
14	MANIPUR	1
15	MIZORAM	1
16	NAGALAND	1
17	ODISHA	5
18	PUNJAB	7
19	RAJASTHAN	8
20	SIKKIM	1
21	TAMILNADU	13
22	TELANGANA	2
23	TRIPURA	1
24	UTTAR PRADESH	4
25	WEST BENGAL	4
	TOTAL	117

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3183 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018 WELFARE OF DRIVERS

†3183. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has passed any specific bill regarding the security (Pension, ESI and PF) of the drivers and their dependent families in the country;
- (b)if so, the details thereof; and
- (c)if not, whether benefits can be provided to the drivers after issuing Sarathi Suraksha Card to them in future and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): A driver working under any establishment or process or factory in which the employed persons are more than 10, will be entitled to get the benefits of Employees' State Insurance and a driver working under any establishment or factory in which the employed persons are more than 20, will also get the benefits of Provident fund.

In order to provide social security benefits to the workers in the unorganised sector, the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 has been enacted to provide welfare schemes in matters relating to life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection to the unorganised workers. Various Ministries/Departments of the Central Government are implementing such social security schemes like Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development); National Family Benefit Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development); health and maternity schemes (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare). The Central Government is also implementing Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) to provide life and disability coverage to the unorganised workers depending upon their eligibility.

There is no proposal at present regarding Sarathi Suraksha Card.

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3197 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2018

PRADHAN MANTRI ROJGAR PROTSAHAN YOJANA

3197. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing incentives to industries and employees for promotion of employment generation in the country under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of industries and employees provided incentives under the said scheme in the country since inception, State/UT-wise including Bihar and Maharashtra;
- (d) the total fund earmarked and provided for the implementation of the said scheme, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for generation of employment opportunities through the said scheme along with the extent of success achieved therefrom?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) launched by Government of India w.e.f. 09.08.2016, aims at incentivization of the

employers to recruit unemployed persons and also to formalize the informal employees. The Government of India has been paying 8.33% of the employer's share of contributions that goes towards Employees' Pension Fund (EPS) for the new employees. The Govt. is now paying full Employer's Share (both EPS + EPF) w.e.f. 01.04.2018. The scheme will continue for such employees for the first three years of their employment from the date of acquiring a new UAN or 09.08.2016, whichever is later, provided they continue in employment in any EPFO registered establishment. The total number of establishments benefited is 76171 and employees benefited is 6112527 as on 25.07.2018 (including the State of Bihar and Maharashtra). The State/UT- wise information is enclosed as Annexure.

- (d): The total amount of funds allocated (BE) for the FY 2016-17 to 2018-19 is 3652.09 crore and out of this Rs. 1762.94 crore has been released to EPFO for implementation of PMRPY.
- (e): In a move to expand the scope and reach of PMRPY, the Government has made amendments in the guidelines (Version dated 23/2/2017), vide OM dated 12/04/2018 in line with announcement made in the Union Budget 2018.

"Government of India will pay the full employer's contribution (EPF & EPS both) as admissible from time to time w.e.f. 01/04/2018 for a period of three years to the new employees and to the existing beneficiaries for their remaining period of three years through EPFO. The terminal date for registration of beneficiary through establishment is 31st March, 2019."

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3197 FOR 06-08-2018

STATE-WISE INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF BENEFITS TO ESTABLISHMENTS & EMPLOYEES UNDER PMRPY AS ON 25/07/2018

STATE	ESTABLISHMENTS	EMPLOYEES
SIAIE	BENEFITED	BENEFITED
ANDHRA		
PRADESH*	5456	488869
ASSAM	254	5083
BIHAR	364	72070
CHANDIGARH	2031	83073
CHHATTISGARH	1478	59164
DELHI	3230	371122
GOA	134	4934
GUJARAT	8012	560853
HARYANA	4083	512317
HIMACHAL		
PRADESH	1859	72740
JHARKHAND	434	19578
KARNATAKA	4965	569433
KERALA	2488	108813
MADHYA		
PRADESH	2786	181825
MAHARASHTRA	9273	1106087
ODISHA	1212	66947
PUNJAB	3369	106766
RAJASTHAN	4728	233331
TAMIL NADU	8037	710088
UTTAR PRADESH	7870	441945
UTTARAKHAND	1792	159097
WEST BENGAL	2316	178392
GRAND TOTAL	76171	6112527

^{*}includes Telangana also

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3220 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2018

PENSION PROMOTION SCHEME

3220. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 1 crore employment is likely to be available/ generated in the country after approval of Pension Promotion Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the said scheme;
- (c) the details of the number of people being benefitted/likely to be benefitted under this scheme in the country; and
- (d) the amount of the funds allocated for this scheme so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): No such Pension Promotion Scheme is being implemented by Government of India. However, Ministry of Labour and Employment has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana since year 2016-17 for incentivizing employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying the entire employer's contribution (12 % or as admissible) towards the EPS and EPF for all sectors w.e.f. 01.04.2018 to all eligible new employees and is applicable for all sectors for the next 3 years. Till 30th July, 2018, benefits have been given to 76908 Establishments covering 61.36 lakh beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY). The total amount of funds allocated for the FY 2016-17 to 2018-19 is 3652.09 crore.
