#### **LOK SABHA**

## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 240 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017

#### **INOPERATIVE ACCOUNTS**

#### **240. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:**

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

- (a) the details about the total number of EPF unclaimed accounts cleared by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b)whether the Government provides interest to the inoperative account and if so, the details thereof;
- (c)whether the Government proposes to divert the corpus of EPF accounts which are inoperative for a long period; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Unclaimed amount is not defined in Employees' Provident Funds (EPF) Scheme, 1952. As such, no unclaimed account has been cleared by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).

As per paragraph 60(6) of EPF Scheme, 1952, interest shall not be credited to the account of a member from the date on which it has become Inoperative account under paragraph 72(6) of EPF Scheme, 1952.

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However, the Central Government vide Notification No. G.S.R. 1065 (E) dated 11th November, 2016 has amended paragraph 72(6) of the EPF Scheme, 1952 wherein changes have been made in the conditions leading to a Provident Fund account becoming an Inoperative Account. After implementation of the amended provision, an account becomes inoperative if no claim has been preferred by the member after 36 months from the date of attaining the age of 55 years/actual date of retirement, whichever is later.

(c) & (d): The Finance Act, 2015 has established the 'Senior Citizens Welfare Fund' to be funded from any credit balance remaining unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of declaration as an inoperative account under the Small Savings, Public Provident Fund or any other schemes as may be prescribed. The corpus identified under this Act by EPFO and transferred to Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund will be used for the pensioners of Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995.

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## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 280 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017

#### **AMENDMENT IN EPF SCHEME**

#### 280. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

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

(a)whether the Government is considering to amend Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 with the main aim of bringing back small private provident fund trusts within the fold of EPFO; and

(b)if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) of the Question above.

#### **LOK SABHA**

## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 427 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017

#### PF AND PENSION COMPLAINTS

#### †427. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

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

- (a)whether the Government has formulated any policy to resolve the complaints related to PF and pension in the country;
- (b)if so, the details thereof;
- (c)whether the incidents of problems being faced by the EPFO account holders and the negligence by the offices have come to light in the recent past; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government and Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) have provided the facility to Provident Fund (PF) and pension subscribers for online registration of public grievances and their redressal which is available on the following internet based grievance handling portals:
- i. Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).
- ii. EPF Internet Grievance Management System (EPFiGMS).
- (c) & (d): Incidents of problems faced by the EPFO account holders as received from time to time are redressed through Public Grievance Handling Systems.

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# LOK SABHA UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 2045 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 29, 2017/PAUSHA 08, 1939 (SAKA) CPF PENSIONERS

2045. Shri Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

- (a) the details of existing pension rates of Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) pensioners in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the CPF rates;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has any information regarding the number of CPF pensioners as on 31st March, 2016, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla)

(a) to (d) The Central Government employees who are covered by CPF Rules (India) 1962 and who retired on or after 01.01.1986 are not entitled to any monthly pension/ex-gratia amount. However, the Government employees under CPF who retired between 18.11.1960 and 31.12.1985 are entitled to monthly ex-gratia amount. Presently following ex-gratia payment is admissible to the CPF beneficiaries who had retired from service prior to 01.01.1986:

S.No	Group of Service to which CPF retirees belonged at the time of retirement	Enhanced amount of basic monthly ex-gratia
1	Group A Service	Rs. 3,000/~
2	Group B Service	Rs. 1,000/-
3	Group C Service	Rs. 750/-
4	Group D Service	Rs. 650/-
5	Widows and dependent children of the deceased CPF beneficiary	Rs. 645/-

Dearness ex-gratia equal to 50% of the amount of ex-gratia and Dearness Relief, as notified from time to time as per 5<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission series, on the sums of amount of ex-gratia and dearness ex-gratia is being paid to them. There is no proposal to increase the aforesaid rates.

#### **LOK SABHA**

## STARRED QUESTION NO. 183 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIPARTITE MECHANISMS**

#### \*183. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has written to Chief Ministers of all States to establish tripartite mechanisms comprising Worker Group, Employer Group and Government Group at State Level for continuous engagement with Social Partners while formulating and implementing labour policies at State level, keeping in view the constitutional mandate of dual responsibility of State and Central Governments on labour under the Concurrent List of the Indian Constitution and also India's commitment to international obligation under ILO Convention C-144; and
- (b)if so, the details thereof along with the response received from the States in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 183 FOR ANSWER ON 01.01.2018 BY SHRI SUMAN BALKA REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIPARTITE MECHANISMS.

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): We have received acknowledgement from State Governments of Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Government of Tripura has responded to our communication informing of the institutional set up for State level tripartite consultation on labour.