

**Regarding transfer of Provident Fund of retired/ expired employees of M/s Mother Earth Resources Pvt Ltd, Jeypore from the KCT PF Trust, Kolkata to RPFC Berhampur, Odisha**

**SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA (KORAPUT):** Thank you Chairperson, Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

This is a very serious and a long-pending issue which is impacting the people in Jeypore from my constituency. This is about the transfer of EPF past accumulations of employees of the erstwhile Bilt Graphic Paper Products Limited (BGPPL) Unit Sewa which comes under OR/BAM/2910. They are now reporting compliance to the RPFC, Berhampur being employees of M/s Mother Earth Resources Private Limited (MERPL) SEWA which comes under OR/BAM/2468945. In this, the problem is, the SEWA unit was sold by BGPPL to MERPL in the month of February, 2020. But after that, the accumulated EPF amount under the RPFC, Kolkata needed to be transferred to the RPFC, Berhampur. On this, we have been told that all the permissions are now available. The Trust is ready with the requisite fund towards payment of the past accumulations. It is also confirmed by the concern that the entire fund is generated from the accretions of the Trust and not from sale of any securities or otherwise.

The retired/legal heirs of the expired employees have been approaching multiple times to get their pending dues. Whenever I go there, they approach me on the pending dues. As the matter is pending for more than a year and a half, this has put the concerned employees under unexplainable difficulties.

The District Administration has also written a letter to the Chairman, Central Board of Trustees on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 but there has been no response.

We have been following with the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, EPFO, Kolkata, but there is no response. KCT PF Trust, Kolkata has written to RPFC, Kolkata to resolve the issue of PF transfer, but there is no response. Some officers of RPFC, Berhampur had also visited Jeypore. They are saying that they are helpless unless and until RPFC, Kolkata transfers the funds to RPFC, Berhampur.

Sir, through you, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Labour and Employment to take up the issue and instruct the transfer of Provident Fund of

retired/ expired employees of M/s Mother Earth Resources Pvt Ltd, Jeypore from the KCT PF Trust, Kolkata to RPFC Berhampur, Odisha in the larger interest of the employees of M/s Mother Earth Resources Pvt Ltd, Jeypore, Koraput, Odisha.

Sir, I would appreciate if the Ministry could take cognizance of the situation and the ground reality, and do the things at the earliest.

Thank you, Sir.