

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

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INTEREST RATE ON EPF

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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the CBT in its earlier meeting in the month of January has recommended 9.5 per cent interest to EPF subscribers for 2002-03;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have decided to reduce the interest rate of EPF subscribers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government had called a meeting of the Central Board of Trustees of the Employees Provident Fund recently to review the overall situation regarding interest earnings by the fund; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): The Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund in its meeting held on 22nd January, 2002 considered the issue of declaration of rate of interest in respect of EPF subscribers for the year 2002-03 and has recommended continuation of 9.5% rate of interest pending further consideration of the matter.

(b) to (e): EPFO was informed of the Government view that the rate of interest at 9.5% would not be sustainable. The CBT (EPF) in its special meeting held on 12th April, 2002 has again considered the matter and has desired that the rate of interest of 9.5% recommended on interim basis in the last meeting should continue. The recommendation of the CBT (EPF) is under consideration of the Government.