

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SAVING SCHEME

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have been actively considering to start a savings scheme which would benefit the salaried class particularly for retired employees in both the public and private sector;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be announced;
- (c) whether the existing savings schemes have been found to be ineffective; and
- (d) the extent to which the new savings schemes are likely to be result oriented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- a) & b) Deposit Schemes for retiring Government employees and retiring employees of public sector companies are already in existence. However, the Government has recently decided that the ceiling of Rs. two lakh per annum relating to investment in Relief Bonds will not apply to the investment of retirement / terminal benefits by retiring / retired employees, including those in the private sector.
- c) & d) No, Sir. The gross collections in the small savings schemes continue to grow. The decision to allow retiring private sector employees to invest their terminal benefits in Government of India Relief Bonds is an additional opportunity provided.