

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INTEREST RATE ON EPF

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

- (a) whether the Employees Provident Fund interest rate for the year 2005-06 has been notified;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various trade unions in the country have been demanding for retention of the interest rate at 9.5 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the Government's response thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Central Government, under Para 60(1) of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952, have since notified the rate of interest @ 8.5% for the year 2005-06.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The earnings of Employees Provident Fund Organisation cannot sustain the demand of 9.5% rate of interest for the year 2005-06.