GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS LOK SABHA

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SOCIAL SECURITY FUND FOR RETIRED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create a social security fund to grant pension and extend welfare schemes to the retired persons across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether public sector units like Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) have already introduced such schemes for their retired employees; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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- (a) to (c): Pension and other retirement benefits are provided and regulated by the rules applicable in the respective organizations. There is no proposal under consideration of the Central Government to create a social security fund to grant pension and extend welfare schemes to the retired persons across the country.
- (d) to (e): As per the information received from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the following schemes have been introduced by ONGC for benefit of separated employees:
- (i) ONGC Self-contributory Post Retirement and Death in Service Superannuation Benefit Scheme;
- (ii) Schemes for Ex-gratia for pre-15.10.1959 employees and post 14.10.1959 employees;
- (iii) EPS 95

A self contributory superannuation benefit fund scheme has been introduced in Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) with effect from 1.11.1987, as a separate social security scheme namely, Superannuation Benefit Fund Scheme operated through Superannuation Benefit Fund Trust formed under Indian Trust Act.