GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:111 ANSWERED ON:26.07.2010 FREE MEDICAL CARE TO EPS PENSIONERS Kumar Shri Kaushalendra;Ramkishun Shri

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free medical/special care for chronic diseases and operations to all pensioners covered under the Employees` Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing criteria for commutation of pension under EPS, 1995;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to review such criteria as per Government sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government has introduced free Employees State Insurance (ESI) medical facilities to those who have already availed ESI facilities during service period; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): No such proposal is under consideration with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e): As on date, there is no provision for commutation of pension under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 (EPS 1995).

(f): No, Madam. However, Insured Persons who have retired on superannuation after being insured for not less than 5 years are entitled to Medical Benefit for self and spouse on payment of contribution of Rupees 10/- per month paid for a year in advance under rule 61 of the Employees State Insurance Central Rules, 1950.

(g): Does not arise in view of (f) above.