

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EPF INFORMATION ON MOBILE PHONE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) proposes to prepare a comprehensive scheme to provide information relating to Employee Provident Fund (EPF) to its subscribers through mobile phone in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which the above facility is likely to be operationalised in the country;
- (c) whether e-payment system has been started in regional offices of EPFO in the country;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of EPF subscribers benefited thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has engaged Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and developed the system for intimating crediting of subscriber account through Short Messaging Service (SMS) on the mobile phone of members after the claim is settled and sent to the Bank. The information is provided to members who provide their mobile numbers in the claims forms. This facility was made operational on 12.07.2010 and is voluntary.

(c) & (d): E- payment system has been started in all Offices (120 offices) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation in the month of April, 2010 which ensures that the transfer of Provident Fund claims through the mode of National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT). The overall percentage of number of transfer of money through e-payment of the Provident Fund amount for the month of July 2010 is 46%.