

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5444
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INTEREST ON EPF AMOUNT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the large companies in the country managing their Employees Provident Fund (EPF) through their own trusts have expressed reservations to raise interest rate on EPF amount from 8.5 per cent to 9.5 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No such representations have been received from the companies managing their Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) through their own trusts expressing reservation to raise interest rate on EPF amount from 8.5 per cent to 9.5 per cent. However, this concern was raised by employees' representatives in the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund [CBT (EPF)] during its 190th meeting held on 15.09.2010. But, the Board after deliberations, decided to recommend 9.5 per cent rate of interest to its subscribers for the year 2010-2011, based on the surplus available in the Interest Suspense Account as on 31.03.2010 and the income anticipated in 2010-2011.