

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

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SETTLEMENT OF INOPERATIVE ACCOUNTS WITH EPF

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

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to identify inoperative accounts of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) holders in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of inoperative account holders submit their claims and accounts settled during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In this regard, paragraph 72(6) of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 provides as under:"Any amount becoming due to a member as a result of

(i) supplementary contribution from the employer in respect of leave wages, arrears of pay, instalment of arrear contribution received in respect of a member whose claim has been settled on account but which could not be remitted for want of latest address, or

(ii) accumulation in respect of any member who has either ceased to be employed or died but no claim has been preferred within a period of three years from the date it becomes payable, or if any amount remitted to a person, is received back undelivered, and it is not claimed again within a period of three years from the date it becomes payable, shall be transferred to an account to be called the Inoperative Account."

(c): The details of settlement of claims in respect of inoperative account holders are as per statement at Annexure.