

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

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COMPUTATION OF INTEREST ON EPF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has not yet completed computation of interest on the Provident Fund (PF) accounts of crores of subscribers;
- (b) if so, the steps initiated by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to pay 9.5 per cent interest on all PF accounts for 2010-2011;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a): The total number of EPF members as on 31.03.2010 is 5.39 crore. 4.72 crore accounts were pending as on 31.03.2010 wherein interests were to be credited. However, 1.10 crore of members' accounts have already been up-dated during the period from 1st April to 31st December, 2010.

(b): Since the updation of accounts is largely dependent upon the submission of annual returns by the Employer, following measures have been taken to collect the same:

- i) Issue of press notes to impress upon the Employers to submit returns.
- ii) Submission of returns in electronic mode.
- iii) Deputing Enforcement Officers to collect the returns.

(c) & (d): For the financial year 2010-11, 9.5 per cent rate of interest on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) has been recommended by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund [CBT, EPF] in the 190th meeting held on 15th September, 2010 based on the funds available in the interest suspense account. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has forwarded the recommendation of CBT to the Ministry of Finance for approval.