

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:38

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INTEREST RATE ON EPF

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the interest rate to 9.5 percent on deposits with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not adhering to the increase in interest rates;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to check and restrict the early withdrawal of Employees Provident Fund (EPF); and
- (e) if so, the details of the said proposal?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Central Government has declared 9.5 percent rate of interest for Employees' Provident Fund subscribers for the financial year 2010-11. The rate of interest for the year 2011-12 has not been declared.
- (c): Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) & (b) above.
- (d): There is no such proposal before the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation to check and restrict the early withdrawal of the Employees' Provident Fund.
- (e): Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.