

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

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INTEREST RATE ON EPF
Singh Shri Pashupati Nath

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

- (a) whether a decision has been taken by the Government to maintain the status-quo of the interest rate 8.5 per cent of Employees Provident Fund (EPF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of employees registered at present under EPF in the country including Jharkhand, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to make available the facilities of Employees' State Insurance Hospitals to the employees in the country including Jharkhand?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. For the year 2007-08 and 2008-09, rate of interest on EPF deposits has been maintained at 8.5%. Further, Central Board of Trustees (Employees' Provident Fund) has recommended the same rate for the year 2009-10 also.
- (c): The total membership of the Provident Fund as on 31.03.2009 was 4.49 crore (provisional). The region-wise details of membership, which covers all the States including Jharkhand and except the State of Jammu & Kashmir, is as per statement annexed.
- (d): At present, the facilities of Employees' State Insurance Hospitals in the country including Jharkhand are open to all Insured Persons under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.