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ESIG & PF SLIPS FOR WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various illiterate factory workers are not provided with Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Provident Fund (PF) slips in the country including the State of Jharkhand in spite of deducting the same from their salaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of initiatives being taken up by the Government to ensure that ESIC and PF slips are provided to such workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SMRI KCIDIKUNIMIL SURESH)

(a) & (b): Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) does not issue any slip to Insured Persons (IPs). However, under IT Roll out Project of ESI Corporation, two bio-metric IPehchan Cards, one for use of Insured Persons (IPs) and another for family, are issued.. The process of issue of bio-metric Cards to the IPs is an on going process and till September, 2012 approximately 97.85 lakhs sets of two bio-metric cards have been distributed all over the country including the State of Jharkhand. A total of 16.62 crore Provident Fund (PF) slips has been updated up to the year 2010-11 including the State of Jharkhand.

(c): Following initiatives have been taken by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to provide details of their PF Account;

1. Online access has been given to the EPF members to 'know their EPF Balance' through the website of the EPFO at www.epfindia.gov.in.

2. Facility of e-passbook has also been provided to the EPF Member. It is an online version of the employee's provident fund account. Transactions are recorded and can be tracked easily by the member by registering themselves on the website of the EPFO. In order to generate awareness among the beneficiaries, ESIC is organising Bi-monthly Suidha-Samagam meeting of Employers/Employees representatives at Regional Office/Branch Office level, pamphlets indicating the information available on Insured Persons (IPs) Portal at website www.esic.in and how to access them at offices of ESI in Jharkhand have been displayed. The benefits available under the ESI Act, 1948 and the obligations of the employers under the ESI Act, 1948 were advertised at several locations throughout the country including in the State of Jharkhand as a part of year long ESIC Diamond Jubilee Year Celebration in the month of July-August, 2011.