GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

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Pensioners under EPS-95
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of EPFO Members and Pensioners registered under EPS-95 in the country as on date;
- (b) the details of amount paid as pension to the pensioners since 2000 till 31 March, 2015, year-wise;
- (c) whether the pension scheme run by the Employees Provident Fund

Organisation (EPFO) does not have the date of birth of almost half of its members, and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps initiated to collect data on date of birth of EPFO members;

- (d) the total amount of EPFO which is lying in inoperative accounts for last three years;
- (e) whether the Government have taken any steps to locate those employees who have switched over jobs and have not intimated the EPFO or families of those members who have died and their next of kins have not claimed the outstanding amount and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the present composition of central Board of Trustees of EPFO and also the details of any changes in the composition of CBT recently along with reasons for the changes made?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The details of Employees' Provident Fund members and pensioners under Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 as on 31.3.2015 are as under:

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- i. Member accounts-15,08,85,586
- ii. Contributing members 3,56,53,006
- iii. Pensioners- 51,04,397
- (b) The details of amount paid as pension to the pensioners under EPS, 1995 from 2000 to 31.3.2015 are as under:

Year Amount paid (Rupees in crore)

2000-2001 777.52

2001-2002 995.89

2002-2003 1209.63

2003-2004 1496.88

2004-2005 1717.92

2005-2006 1955.95

2006-2007 2324.23

2007-2008 2727.97 2008-2009 3120.84

2009-2010 3488.40

2010-2011 3839.48

2011-2012 4475.46

2012-2013 5160.61

2013-2014 5787.36

2014-2015 7212.53(provisional)

- (c): At present, the date of birth of most of the member pensioners under EPS,1995 is not available. However, the data of a significant number of pensioners under EPS, 1995 is captured now in the Universal Account Number (UAN) Portal.
- (d): The total amount which have been classified as inoperative accounts in the last three years is as under :-

Year Amount

(Rupees in crore)

2011-12 22,636.57

2012-13 26,496.61

2013-14 27,448.54

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- (e): The following steps have been taken to identify the inoperative account holders and to return the provident fund accumulations to the rightful claimants:-
- (i) EPFO recently launched a portal namely 'Inoperative Accounts Online Help Desk' to assist the members to identify their inoperative accounts.
- (ii) Instructions have been issued to reconcile the inoperative accounts on priority and further identify the beneficiaries through employers.
- (iii) EPFO has allotted unique permanent numbers to its members called Universal Account Number (UAN) which will enable to identify the members without intermediation of the employers.
- (iv) Awareness campaigns have been undertaken through the electronic as well as print media from time to time to educate the members.

As a result, the total settlement from inoperative accounts has shown an increase in the last three years as per details given hereunder:-

Year Amount settled (Rupees in crore) 2011-12 955.51 2012-13 2890.40 2013-14 4316.71

- (f): The present composition of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) as per Section 5A of the Employees" Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (Act 19 of 1952) is as under:-
- i. Chairman-01
- ii. Vice Chairman-01
- iii. Central Government representatives 05
- iv. State Governments representatives -15
- v. Employers" representative -10
- vi. Employees' representatives-10
- vii. Central Provident Fund Commissioner 01

(Member Secretary (Ex-officio))

Total: 43

No changes have been made in present composition of the CBT, EPF by the Government.
