

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

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DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has introduced a Digital Life Certificate Scheme for the retired employees and Provident Fund Portability Scheme recently in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any targets and time- frame for implementing the said schemes; and
- (d) if so, the actual number of beneficiaries under these schemes at present in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Jharkhand?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The facility under Digital Life Certificate Scheme provides an option to a pensioner to give his life certificate remotely through the Jeevan Pramaan Portal. Aadhaar Number is used for authentication of pensioners. As a result, the pensioner is not required to present himself before his pension disbursing agency or produce other documents that he is alive.

The Universal Account Number (UAN) Scheme provides portability for the employees covered under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. One number is provided to the EPF member for all his employments with different employers as, prior to introduction of UAN, whenever a member used to change his job, he had to transfer his PF accumulations. With the introduction of UAN, the member has to give his UAN to his present employer for linking his previous PF accounts with his present PF membership.

(c) & (d): Presently, 22.50 lakh persons have activated their UAN. In Jharkhand, the number of beneficiaries under UAN at present is 16,338. State/Union Territory- wise details of number of beneficiaries under UAN at present in the country are at Annex.