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Title: Need to enhance the pension of EPF pensioners.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): There are lakhs of retired employees falling under EPF pension scheme 1995 who are receiving only meagre sum of pension ranging from Rs 300 to Rs 2,000 per month. These amounts were fixed at the time of the commencement of the scheme. Though the Government had said the amount payable under the scheme would be revised once in every three years, it has not been done. The pension amount is not adequate and hence cannot take care of a pensioner's old age requirements. It is understood that the one of the revision proposals is pending with Cabinet for the last one year.

I urge the Government to implement a minimum pension of Rs. 3000 per month to EPF pensioners at the earliest with retrospective effect.

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