

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 100
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

JOB LOSS AND REVERSE MIGRATION

100. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of several millions of job loss and reverse migration in unorganized sector with the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic situation in the country which had thrown out the poor labour class in the streets;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/Sector-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to arrest this trend and to create more employment opportunities to the working class in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (e) : The global spread of the corona virus (COVID-19) followed by lockdowns has affected global economies including India. Covid-19 has resulted in large number of migrant workers going back to their native places and loss of jobs has also been observed in India during this period. Government has taken initiatives for creating jobs at local levels & supporting migrant workers through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Aatmanirbhar Bharat & Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhayan. Aatmanirbhar Bharat is based on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth. It encompasses an economic package of Rs. 20 Lakh Crores for facilitating creation of employment opportunities in the country.

Under PMGKY, besides providing foodgrains, exgratia payments directly in the accounts of beneficiaries, EPF contribution for employees working in certain establishments was also made by the Government to support the Industry particularly MSME Sector. Further, the wage under MGNREGA has also been increased from Rs.182 per day to Rs.202 which has benefitted about 13.62 Crore families.

Government of India under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhyan (PMGKRA) has taken various initiatives to boost rural infrastructure & rural economy to provide local employment opportunities particularly to the migrant returnees. It covers 116 districts of 6 States with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore is being implemented in a mission mode campaign of 125 days through Ministry of Rural Development.

Government has also announced the measures to strengthen Infrastructure Logistics, Capacity Building, Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Processing Sectors.

Government of India has launched PM SVANidhi Scheme to facilitate collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately, 50 lakh street vendors, to resume their businesses.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 112
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

PROBLEMS OF JOBLESS YOUTH

**112. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems of jobless youths in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the total number of persons rendered jobless in this period; and**
- (c) the assistance provided by the Union Government to the States particularly Kerala, Maharashtra in meeting the jobless situation;**
- (d) whether the Government has done any assessment of the job loss in the country due to the COVID-19 crisis; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof, sector wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (c): The global spread of the corona virus (COVID-19) followed by lockdowns has affected global economies including India. Government is taking several steps to ensure that we are well prepared to face the challenges and threats posed by covid-19. Aatmanirbhar Bharat which focuses on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth has been launched.

To boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, Government of India has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan on 20th June 2020. Abhiyaan focuses on developing rural infrastructure and providing modern facilities like internet in the villages. Skill Mapping of the rural migrant labour being done to help them work closer home. Abhiyaan involves intensified and focused implementation of 25 target driven works to provide employments and create infrastructure in the rural areas of 116 districts of 6 States with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore.

Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like increasing public expenditure on schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendyal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Under Skill India Mission, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing a flagship scheme known as the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people under Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the country for four years i.e. 2016-2020.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government inter alia for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

(d) & (e) No, Sir.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 183
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020**

WORKING CONDITIONS INCLUDING SALARY, PERKS OF JOURNALISTS

**183. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBAJIRAO MANE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:**

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

- (a) the details of statutes governing the working conditions including salary, perks etc. of the journalists in the country;**
- (b) the mechanism put in place by the Government to ensure its strict compliance across the country;**
- (c) whether the print and electronic media persons and journalists are covered under the Minimum Wages Act, Provident Fund, ESI pension scheme(s) and Social Security Schemes; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): The Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955, inter alia, covers under its ambit conditions of employment of working journalists for improvement and regulation of the service conditions of Working Journalists and also for Non-Journalists Newspaper Employees.

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The Working Journalists Act addresses the issues of hours of work, leave fixation and revising rates of wages which includes the constitution of a Wage Board. The Working Journalists Act also provides for the Board so established to provide its recommendations and defines the powers and procedure of the Board. It also gives the Central Government powers to enforce the recommendations of the Wage Board.

The primary responsibility for implementation of recommendations lies with the State Governments/UTs. The responsibility of the State Governments include creating special cells, to oversee the progress of implementation of Wage Board recommendations, to send the Quarterly Progress Report to the Ministry and to gear up the State Labour Enforcement Machinery to ensure speedy and prompt implementation of the recommendations of the Wage Boards. The Ministry has a Central Level Monitoring Committee to oversee the implementation of Wage Board Recommendations by the States.

(c) & (d): The news paper establishments and Electronic Media Companies in private sector are covered under Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. The employees working in these establishments are entitled to social security benefits in the form of Provident Fund, Pension and Deposit-Linked Insurance under provisions of the Act and the Schemes framed thereunder. Moreover, print and electronic media persons and journalists who are getting salary up to Rs. 21,000/- per month and employed in the units/establishments covered under the ESI Act, 1948 are coverable under the Act. After coverage, insured persons are eligible to avail the benefits provided under the Act as per their entitlement.

Further, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting implements "Journalist Welfare Scheme" to provide one time ex-gratia relief on urgent basis to journalists or their families under extreme hardship or on account of death of journalists and also to the journalists in case of permanent disability, major ailments and in case of accidents causing serious injuries necessitating hospitalization.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 190
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020**

TOTAL AMOUNT WITHDRAWN FROM PROVIDENT FUND

**190. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that condition of labourers has deteriorated due to Covid 19 pandemic;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the Government initiatives by extending assistance during the period;**
- (c) the total quantum of amount withdrawn from Employment Provident Fund Account during lockdown period of Covid 19 pandemic, till date, State-wise; and**
- (d) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to help the labourers by generating more employment in the country; and**
- (e) whether the Government is planning any other social security measures for those in the provident fund network and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): In order to ameliorate the hardships faced by the labourers due to economic disruption caused by COVID-19 pandemic, various initiatives have been taken by the Ministry of Labour and Employment as part of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and

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Atmanirbhar Bharat which, inter-alia, include (i) payment of 12% employers' share and 12% employees' share under Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), totalling 24% by the Government of India for six wage months from March to August, 2020 for all the establishments having up to 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs.15,000/- monthly wage; (ii) reduction in PF contribution from 12% to 10% of wages for the wage months of May, June and July, 2020; (iii) non-refundable Covid advance from the PF by amending the EPF Scheme, 1952; (iv) extension in the date of filing of returns; (v) issuing advisory to promptly attend to distress calls of workers /employees and also guide them in temporary shelters; (vi) using Building and other construction workers (BOCW) cess fund for transfer of adequate funds in the bank account of construction workers affected by COVID-19 outbreak; (vii) supporting employees and workers by not terminating them and not cutting their wages; and (viii) for taking preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19.

(c): A statement showing the total quantum of amount withdrawn from Employees' Provident Fund Account during lockdown period of Covid-19 pandemic from 25.03.2020 to 31.08.2020, State-wise, is at Annexure-A.

(d): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of the economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and encouraging public expenditure on schemes such as Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana and Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission, National Carrier Service, Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana.

(e): There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 190 FOR REPLY ON 14.09.2020 BY SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI BENNY BEHANAN, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE, SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO AND SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK REGARDING TOTAL AMOUNT WITHDRAWN FROM PROVIDENT FUND.

Sl. No.	STATE/UT NAME	Amount withdrawn from 25.03.2020 to 31.08.2020 (Rupees in CRORE)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1,232.48
2	ASSAM & OTHER NORTH EAST STATES	227.15
3	BIHAR	309.95
4	CHANDIGARH	506.73
5	CHHATTISGARH	402.59
6	DELHI	2,940.97
7	GOA	184.27
8	GUJARAT (INCLUDING DADRA& NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU)	2,115.17
9	HARYANA	2,220.82
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	267.55
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH	0.44
12	JHARKHAND	294.03
13	KARNATAKA	5,743.96
14	KERALA (INCLUDING LAKSHADWEEP)	1,288.09
15	MADHYA PRADESH	941.30
16	MAHARASHTRA	7,837.85
17	ODISHA	512.64
18	PUNJAB	642.93
19	RAJASTHAN	868.40
20	TAMIL NADU (INCLUDING PUDUCHERRY)	4,984.51
21	TELANGANA	2,619.39
22	UTTAR PRADESH	1,613.03
23	UTTARAKHAND	398.79
24	WEST BENGAL (INCLUDING ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS)	1,249.90
TOTAL		39,402.94

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 192**

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 / BHADRAPADA 23, 1942 (Saka)

'PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN PACKAGE'

192: DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has announced Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package to ensure weaker section of the society to get basic amenities and that they do not get impacted during the lockdown period due to Covid-19;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives and the quantum of financial assistance released under the said package including the number of people who have got benefitted out of this package State/UT-wise;
- c) whether the Government has taken effective steps to ensure that the financial assistance reaches the weaker sections of the society and if so, the details thereof;
- d) the details of criteria fixed by the Government for availing this package; and
- e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure that the weaker/lower middle and middle class section of the society are provided with basic facilities and amenities at affordable rates during the period of Covid-19 pandemic?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE (FINANCE)
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government has announced a Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore relief under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus. The assistance under the package was done through Direct Benefit Transfer in case of cash transfers and after proper verification in other cases. Further, the Empowered Group on Economy and Welfare set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Economic Affairs and comprising of Secretaries of various Ministries/Department monitors the implementation of the Package. A

Statement indicating details about the Package is at Annexure-I. State/UT-wise details of beneficiaries and amount disbursed is at the Annexure II (a) & II (b).

(e) A total of INR 68,820 crores have been done as cash transfers to eligible persons under various components of PMGKP as on 7.9.2020. So far 178.85 Lakh MT of foodgrains and 6.82 Lakh MT of pulses have been distributed free of cost to approx. 75 crores beneficiaries under NFSA and this scheme will continue till November 2020. The Government is implementing Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to provide health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families (approx. 50 crore Individuals) as per Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data. To effectively cover AB-PMJAY beneficiaries for testing and treatment of COVID-19, packages for ‘Testing for COVID-19’ and ‘Treatment of COVID-19’ have been notified. The Reserve Bank of India had also announced a three-month EMI holiday from March 1, 2020, till May 31, 2020 on all term loan repayments like auto, home, personal loan EMIs etc, which was further extended till August 31, 2020. Further, the facility of free food grains supply was also extended to migrants for 2 months under the Aatma Nirbhar Package announced on 14.05.2020.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.192 for 14.09.2020

Details of PMGKY

I. Insurance scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19 in Government Hospitals and Health Care Centres

An Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19' was launched w.e.f. 30.03.2020 to provide comprehensive personal accident cover of Rs. 50 lakh to around 22.12 lakh public healthcare providers, including community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by this. The scheme was initially for 90 days w.e.f. 30.03.2020 and has now been extended by another 90 days. On account of the unprecedented situation, private hospital staff/ retired/volunteer/ local urban bodies/contract/daily wage/ ad-hoc/outsourced staff requisitioned by States/ Central hospitals/autonomous hospitals of Central/States/UTs, AIIMS & INIs/ hospitals of Central Ministries can also be drafted for COVID19 related responsibilities. These cases are also covered under the scheme.

II. PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana

Under the scheme, additional allocation of food grain @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost is provided to all the beneficiaries covered under the targeted public distribution system (Antryodaya Anna Yojana & Priority Households) including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for a period of three months i.e. April to June, 2020. About 119.32 LMT of food grains were allotted to approximately 80.96 crore beneficiaries entailing a financial implication of Rs.46061 crore. The scheme has been extended till November, 2020 (5 months) with additional allocation of foodgrain of 202.749 LMT for approx 81.09 crore beneficiaries entailing a food subsidy of Rs.76062.11 crore. Further, Pulses according to regional preferences @ 1 kg per family were provided for three months, free of cost. The scheme has been extended till November, 2020.

III. Benefit to farmers:

The first installment of Rs 2,000 due in 2020-21 was front-loaded and paid in April 2020 itself under the PM KISAN Yojana, covering about 8.7 crore farmers

IV. Cash transfers-

- a) **Help to Poor:** A total of 20.40 crores (approx) PMJDY women account-holders were given an ex-gratia of Rs 500 per month for next three months.
- b) **Gas cylinders:** A schemes to provide for free of cost LPG cylinders for three months to 8 crore beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was started under PMGKP w.e.f. 01.04.2020 with a budgetary support of 13000 crore. Cash advances for buying the cylinders were transferred to the bank account of the beneficiaries. The scheme has been extended till September 30, 2020 for those beneficiaries who have been

credited with the advance for buying refills, but have not been able to buy the free cylinders till 30.06.2020. OMCs have delivered 1321.59 lakh refills to PMUY beneficiaries under this scheme as on 06.09.2020.

- c) **Help to low wage earners in organised sectors:** Wage-earners, earning below Rs 15,000 per month, in businesses having less than 100 workers, were provided Twenty four (24) percent of the monthly wages into their PF accounts, for the next three months to prevent disruption in their employment. The scheme has been extended for another three months, i.e., till August 2020.
- d) **Support for senior citizens (above 60 years), widows and Divyang:** An amount of Rs.1000/- per month for three months to around 3 crore aged widows and people in Divyang category was provided.

V. MNREGA

MNREGA wages were increased by Rs 20 with effect from 1 April, 2020. This wage increase was estimated to provide an additional Rs 2,000 benefit annually to a worker and benefit approximately 13.62 crore families.

V. Self-Help groups: Limit of collateral free lending was increased from Rs 10 to Rs 20 lakhs for women organized through 63 lakhs Self Help Groups (SHGs), who support 6.85 crore households.

VI. Other components of PM Garib Kalyan package

- (a) **Organised sector:** Employees' Provident Fund Regulations was amended to include Pandemic as the reason to allow non-refundable advance of 75 percent of the amount or three months of the wages, whichever is lower, from their accounts. Families of four crore workers registered under EPF can take benefit of this window.
- (b) **Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Fund:** Welfare Fund for Building and Other Constructions Workers has been created under a Central Government Act. There are around 3.5 Crore registered workers in the Fund. State Governments were directed to utilise this fund to provide assistance and support to these workers to protect them against economic disruptions.
- (c) **District Mineral Fund:** The State Government were asked to utilise the funds available under District Mineral Fund (DMF) for supplementing and augmenting facilities of medical testing, screening and other requirements in connection with preventing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic as well as treating the patients affected with this pandemic.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.192 for 14.09.2020.

No.	State	Insurance scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19		PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana – number of persons identified under NFSA (in lakh) – for distribution per month (April to November 2020)	Total Distribution of Foodgrains to beneficiaries (in MT) from April 2020 to till 7.9.2020	Pulses- number of persons identified under NFSA (in lakh) – for distribution per month (April to November 2020)	Qty of Pulses distributed by States/UTs (in MT) – April 2020 to till 7.9.2020	No. Of Cylinder delivered - PMUY April '20	No. Of Cylinder delivered - PMUY May'20	No. Of Cylinder delivered - PMUY Jun'20
		Claims disbursed	Amount paid							
1.	Andaman & Nicobar			0.61	1342	0.16	49.05	9,591	7,294	4,533
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3	1500000	268.23	635928.54	90.28	45018.62	2,72,179	2,15,405	1,74,373
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	500000	8.21	17215.42	1.77	571.561	28,831	24,731	16,600
4.	Assam	2	1000000	251.53	506098.035	57.96	19614.09	14,44,011	15,34,863	10,39,012
5.	Bihar	1	500000	857.12	1727839.033	168.85	54228.87	49,67,319	45,10,211	39,49,870
6.	Chandigarh			2.75	3793.04	0.64	228.43	93	95	77
7.	Chhattisgarh			200.77	506390.755	51.5	22616.74	11,92,348	9,16,589	7,32,245
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu			1.73- D & NH- KIND 0.36 – D& NH- CASH DAMAN & DIU- 0.76	6312.902	0.65	391.44	8,137	5,029	3,871
9.	Delhi	1	500000	72.73	166963.0656	17.54	6033.64	77,853	70,885	62,986
10.	Goa			5.32	13011.507	1.43	644.103	806	519	569
11.	Gujarat	8	4000000	382.54	801111.37	65.63	20090.95	15,38,689	12,28,084	12,18,267
12.	Haryana			126.49	285128.669	27	10916	5,53,359	5,40,807	3,86,756
13.	Himachal			28.64	63592.905	6.84	3276.5	1,11,235	1,07,648	77,815

	Pradesh										
14.	Jammu and Kashmir			72.05		169195.6	16.45	8984.09	6,22,988	7,01,755	3,85,158
15.	Jharkhand			263.70		515408.688	57.12	24040.22	15,87,777	13,94,718	10,88,969
16.	Karnataka	3	1500000	401.93		977417.15	127.23	38168.19	18,66,059	15,00,307	13,86,662
17.	Kerala	3	1500000	154.80		366701.602	37.38	12609.49	1,77,104	1,39,817	1,24,475
18.	Ladakh			1.44		2505	0.29	87.65	7,561	5,662	4,817
19.	Lakswdeep			0.22		453.12	0.05156	20.18	172	115	104
20.	Madhya Pradesh	1	500000	546.42		1062037.658	116.85	42791.4	30,77,273	27,68,146	24,12,767
21.	Maharashtra	12	6000000	700.17		1535041.139	167.05	40024.13	22,62,807	23,13,521	21,96,232
22.	Manipur			24.57		61346.86	5.88	2131.416	68,061	89,769	84,433
23.	Meghalaya			21.46		51401	4.22	1722.802	43,323	57,410	39,297
24.	Mizoram			6.68		15351.881	1.55	807.261	24,281	15,138	17,885
25.	Nagaland			14.05		33585.086	2.85	1660.849	21,397	30,801	20,408
26.	Odisha			323.60		748141.347	92.85	40335.4	26,58,543	23,17,299	19,04,076
27.	Poducherry			6.28		9142.06	1.79	535.5	11,075	10,845	8,118
28.	Punjab	1	500000	141.45		199011.3	35.96	10643.24	8,93,383	8,59,735	7,03,453
29.	Rajasthan			446.62		1159894.144	111.85	36331.41	34,68,116	27,98,019	24,29,451
30.	Sikkim			3.79		6852.625	0.94	317.964	8,311	8,499	6,376
31.	Tamilnadu	2	1000000	357.34		829049.154	111.08	33323.76	21,47,315	16,80,938	14,47,941
32.	Telangana	2	1000000	191.62		481824.113	53.29	14144.38	6,05,719	4,96,386	3,54,565
33.	Tripura			24.83		62051.427	9.2	1942.245	1,33,412	1,16,650	1,16,781
34.	Uttar Pradesh	5	2500000	1520.59		3498398.415	352.45	139634.3	93,87,841	81,09,525	72,48,732
35.	Uttarakhand			61.96		145939.01	13.46	5544.27	2,74,286	2,35,709	2,12,070
36.	West Bengal	1	500000	601.84		1219345.34	145.29	42058	57,51,508	51,34,833	47,49,938
	TOTAL	50	25,000,000	8095.19		17884820.96	1,955	681538.2	4,53,02,763	3,99,47,757	3,46,09,682

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.192 for 14.09.2020.

No.	State	PM KISAN		PMJDY				NSAP National Social Assistance Programme		BoCW (Building and construction Fund)		EPFO withdrawals		24% EPF contribution						DMF			
		No of beneficiaries	Amount (Rs lakh) #	No of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (APRIL)*	No of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (MAY)	No of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (JUNE)	Total amount transferred (in lakh) from April to June	Total Beneficiaries (APRIL & MAY)	Amount released @ Rs 500 (Rs lakh - April & May)	No of beneficiaries identified (1st Inst)	No of beneficiaries identified (2nd Inst)	Total amount (Rs lakh)	Beneficiary ies	Amount (Rs lakh)	Beneficiary ies (March)	Beneficiary ies (April)	Beneficiary ies (May)	Beneficiary ies (June)	Beneficiary ies (July)	Beneficiary ies (Aug)	Total amount transferred (in lakh) from March to August	Amount spent on COVID-19 related activities (in Crore)	
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10677	213.54	23064	29457	29449	409.85	5928	59.28	11014	5375	491.67	484	161.7728	1841	1749	1643	1488	913	90	159.97	-	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4695820	93916.4	6013565	7191392	7190292	101976.245	932661	9326.61	1967484	0	19674.84	108567	30485.44	153300	158283	151372	146792	133535	7318	11325.18	100.43	
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	66323	1326.46	180119	187968	187888	2779.875	34139	341.39	3000	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
4.	Assam	1861715	37234.3	9534385	9649421	9648441	144161.235	840984	8409.84	270000	0	2700	11203	2777.231	7160	7499	7370	6763	5619	477	510.57	0.65	
5.	Bihar	5899824	117996.5	23315732	24380254	24372302	360341.44	3664811	36648.11	0	0	40567	7602.829	52951	54805	53798	51197	44947	2333	3993.25	0		
6.	Chandigarh	429	8.58	110537	111245	111152	1664.67	3415	34.15	6670	0	400.2	39886	8632.315	23322	20897	22073	21409	20084	1182	1892.67	-	
7.	Chhattisgarh	2167441	43348.82	7857012	8062757	8062722	119912.455	852275	8522.75	0	0	0	46119	8660.045	76268	78444	75723	72665	68033	3206	5995.94	4.36	
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	10150	203	52817	53691	53681	800.945	9588	95.88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
9.	Daman and Diu	3381	67.62	17387	17475	17473	261.675	1376	13.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
10.	Delhi	12075	241.5	2030271	2036383	2036383	30515.945	156436	1564.36	39600	39600	3960	295243	73596.16	39830	36793	36868	34673	30943	1233	3530.06	-	
11.	Goa	7854	157.08	69987	70389	70365	1053.705	2061	20.61	5117	0	307.02	12169	3107.291	17876	15988	15259	14491	13792	381	1318.55	22	
12.	Gujarat	4685062	93701.24	7180005	7266513	7265305	108199.115	688953	6889.53	483196	0	4831.96	185208	37273.44	243172	251261	244516	242384	230145	22558	18731.51	13.08	
13.	Haryana	1514497	30289.94	3416299	3568702	3566923	52759.62	327269	3272.69	350621	0	17531.05	209604	53039.98	76918	64925	70265	67210	63189	2943	5957.47	0	
14.	Himachal Pradesh	870609	17412.18	584184	667491	667262	9594.685	111863	1118.63	120265	126039	4926.08	17216	3507.582	43424	41484	42402	42550	40546	1477	3308.08	0.43	
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	920451	18409.02	1049256	1064015	1062263	15877.67	143289	1432.89	155975	0	4679.25	187	17.82763	23836	21959	21844	21586	19224	2594	1742.92	-	
16.	Jharkhand	1231912	24638.24	7227042	7440551	7437612	110526.025	1288850	12888.5	0	0	0	29000	5142.649	87786	86091	83575	83130	78118	4699	7158.94	9.66	
17.	Karnataka	4839093	96781.86	7987088	8035479	8033726	120281.465	1398410	13984.1	1362438	0	68121.9	452484	153845.2	281634	273165	265267	257403	232202	12724	24206.08	62.13	
18.	Kerala	2716844	54336.88	2413289	2607463	2606513	38136.325	688329	6883.29	454124	0	4541.24	101119	31103.73	110118	91211	99799	104292	98891	1920	8671.58	0	
19.	Ladakh	0	0	9951	10027	10392	151.85	Included in J&K above		Included in J&K above	Included in J&K above	0	16	1.75331	177	143	146	114	105	0	17.89	-	
20.	Lakshadweep	0	0	2867	2922	2920	43.545	324	3.24	520	0	32.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
21.	Madhya Pradesh	6812020	136240.4	16622091	16786519	16783417	250960.135	2205963	22059.63	891850	0	17837	90993	18149.3	158162	144857	134320	135658	129638	7365	10511.56	5.1	
22.	Maharashtra	8632718	172654.4	12947062	13152844	13151473	196256.895	1168385	11683.85	894408	0	17888.16	667817	187350.5	418770	404866	380529	372293	346133	16493	31148.58	45.86	
23.	Manipur	283457	5669.14	504169	523814	523622	7758.025	61972	619.72	52605	0	526.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
24.	Meghalaya	115638	2312.76	268908	318894	318797	4532.995	54127	5412.7	24730	0	1236.5	0	50025	54058	52551	49333	45249	5711	3315.59	-		
25.	Mizoram	69425	1388.5	58176	153791	153756	1828.615	27538	275.38	51451	0	1543.53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
26.	Nagaland	181008	3620.16	157792	167255	167204	2461.255	49210	492.1	19046	0	380.92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
27.	Odisha	2003185	40063.7	8121020	8520484	8518976	125802.4	2027022	20270.22	2083288	0	31249.32	40666	8771.322	129713	133169	132889	130113	120833	6775	9822.89	61.34	
28.	Puducherry	9715	194.3	83926	88559	88506	1304.955	28757	287.57	0	0	0	0	16110	13895	14074	14095	13358	632	950.29	-		
29.	Punjab	1752498	35049.96	3322186	3375108	3373363	50353.285	140404	1404.04	289237	0	17354.22	49472	9665.656	66008	55952	63477	60461	55427	5106	4779.19	0.65	
30.	Rajasthan	5164391	103287.8	15613962	15849421	15845503	236544.43	987781	9877.81	2230000	0	55750	83903	15761.46	120047	113479	111154	108908	101109	6315	7649.36	15.08	
31.	Sikkim	0	0	42552	43915	43908	651.875	18332	183.32	7836	0	156.72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
32.	Tamil Nadu	3559533	71190.66	6075989	6138375	6136949	91756.565	1814700	18147	1370601	0	27412.02	583161	158265.2	507424	458395	476308	471998	442011	23263	32325.05	13.42	
33.	Telangana	3331468	66629.36	5260800	5154930	5153020	77843.75	665956	6659.56	830324	0	12454.86	241181	77656.9	156113	156685	152357	148451	136995	6883	10159.07	0	
34.	Tripura	190441	3808.82	431770	444368	444316	6602.27	138473	1384.73	39082	0	1172.46	1137	285.8338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-
35.	Uttar Pradesh	17675849	353517	31813530	32440630	32431427	483427.935	5257390	52573.9	1821520	1695490	35170.1	164511	33390.64	190548	188671	189660	187667	177736	12618	14786.99	0.22	
36.	Uttarakhand	674688	13493.76	1267372	1335177	1335873	19692.11	215109	2151.09	228423	228423	4568.46	46150	7975.994	38032	36608	36725	36632	34787	1794	2958.71	0.02	
37.	West Bengal	0	0	18995377	19349032	19341332	288428.705	2132959	21329.59	2198349	0	21983.49	86684	18083.47	329406	321645	332165	337058	317556	18739	20675.05	-	
	TOTAL	89454616	1789092	206500000	206296711	206244658	3095206.845	28145039	281450.4	18262774	2094927	378941.8	3604747	954311.5	3419971	3286977	3268129	3221014	3001118	176829	247602.98	354.42	

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 221
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020**

LOW WAGE EARNERS

**221. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether 74 percent claimants are low wage earners or those who earn less than Rs.15,000 a month under EPFO;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps taken to settle their accounts promptly during the Covid-19 pandemic period?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The details of claimants, who earn less than Rs.15,000 per month are at Annexure A.

(c): The Government vide notification No. GSR.225(E) dated 27.03.2020 inserted sub-para (3) under Para 68L of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 1952 to provide for non-refundable advance to EPF members not exceeding the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or upto 75 per cent of the amount in the members' EPF account, whichever is less, in the event of outbreak of epidemic or pandemic.

The subscribers were facilitated to submit online claims and the services of EPFO also has been integrated and offered through UMANG application of the Government of India. The entire payment to subscribers is done electronically through Nation Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) System.

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ANNEXURE 'A'

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 221 FOR 14.09.2020 BY SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH AND SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY REGARDING LOW WAGE EARNERS.

Sl.No.	STATE/UT NAME	TOTAL CLAIMS SETTLED	CLAIMS SETTLED WHERE WAGES WERE UPTO Rs.14,999
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	312,457	250,802
2	ASSAM & OTHER NORTH EAST STATES	46,862	36,008
3	BIHAR	112,504	95,373
4	CHANDIGARH	126,958	103,813
5	CHHATTISGARH	134,134	116,915
6	DELHI	888,874	682,361
7	GOA	40,545	33,681
8	GUJARAT (INCLUDING DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU)	642,259	549,759
9	HARYANA	666,122	551,117
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	71,751	62,028
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH	416	309
12	JHARKHAND	104,632	91,579
13	KARNATAKA	1,297,003	950,056
14	KERALA (INCLUDING LAKSHADWEEP)	263,012	190,626
15	MADHYA PRADESH	294,653	255,605
16	MAHARASHTRA	1,825,601	1,369,050
17	ODISHA	136,016	107,466
18	PUNJAB	188,230	166,923
19	RAJASTHAN	272,464	236,350
20	TAMIL NADU (INCLUDING PUDUCHERRY)	1,387,883	1,070,194
21	TELANGANA	620,450	445,594
22	UTTAR PRADESH	508,222	428,678
23	UTTARAKHAND	167,282	149,484
24	WEST BENGAL (INCLUDING A&N ISLANDS)	296,721	247,964
TOTAL		10,405,051	8,191,735

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 646

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Judicial Panels

646. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of judicial panels set up by the Government during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number out of the above who have submitted their reports to the Government;
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the time by which the remaining panels are likely to submit their reports to the Government?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

PACKAGE FOR WORKERS

1162. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to offer a specific social security package for such workers who are dependent at the mercy of their private employers and mostly have been rendered jobless owing to Corona Virus impact; and**
- (b) if so, the modalities of such a package and blueprint for roll out thereof as the number of beneficiaries is likely to be a very sizeable part of our population?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) provides relief in the form of cash compensation for up to 90 days to the Insured Persons (IPs) who become unemployed, under the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana provided that they have completed two years of insurable employment and has contributed not less than 78 days in each of the four consecutive contribution periods.

In order to provide relief to the IPs who have been rendered unemployed during COVID-19 Pandemic, the ESIC has enhanced the quantum of benefit and relaxed the eligibility condition of the scheme for the period 24.03.2020 to 31.12.2020 as under:

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- 1. Relief to the extent of 50 % of the average per day earning to be paid up to maximum 90 days of unemployment instead of 25% of average per day earning earlier.**
- 2. The IP should have been in insurable employment for a minimum period of two years immediately before his/her unemployment and should have contributed for not less than 78 days in the contribution period immediately preceding the unemployment and minimum 78 days in one of the remaining three contribution periods in two years prior to unemployment. Earlier for getting relief under the scheme the IP should have contributed minimum 78 days contribution in 4 contribution periods prior to unemployment.**
- 3. Claim shall be due 30 days after date of unemployment as against 90 days earlier.**

The claim for relief may be created online on www.esic.in and submitted by the IP in the prescribed claim form duly completed, directly to the Branch office. The relaxations have been notified on 11.09.2020.

Further, in order to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on India's workforce, various initiatives have been taken by the Ministry of Labour and Employment as part of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and Atmanirbhar Bharat which, inter-alia, include –

- (i) payment of 12% employers' share and 12% employees' share under Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), totalling 24% by the Government of India for six wage months from March to August, 2020 for all the establishments having up to 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs.15,000 monthly wage;**
- (ii) reduction in Provident Fund (PF) contribution from 12% to 10% of wages for the wage months of May, June and July, 2020;**

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- (iii) non-refundable COVID advance from the PF by amending the EPF Scheme, 1952; till date, about Rs 39,000 crore have been withdrawn by members of EPFO.**
- (iv) extension in the date of filing of returns;**
- (v) issuing advisory to promptly attend to distress calls of workers /employees and also guide them in temporary shelters;**
- (vi) using Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) cess fund for transfer of funds amounting to approximately Rs.5000 crore in the bank account of around 1.83 crore construction workers affected by COVID-19 outbreak; and**
- (vii) Advising employers not to terminate workers and not to cut their wages.**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

PRADHAN MANTRI ROJGAR PROTSAHAN YOJANA

1182. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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

- (a) the number of unemployed citizens benefitted under “Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana” in Maharashtra during the last four years;**
- (b) the district-wise details thereof along with the special reference to Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg district; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Labour & Employment is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) since 2016 with the objective to incentivise employers for creation of employment with social security benefits. Under the scheme, Government of India is paying Employer’s full contribution i.e. 12% towards Employees’ Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees’ Pension Scheme (EPS) both (as admissible from time to time) for a period of three years to the new employees through EPFO w.e.f. 01.04.2018. The terminal date for registration of beneficiary through establishment was 31st March 2019. The beneficiaries registered upto 31st March, 2019 will continue to receive the benefits for 3 years from the date of registration under the scheme.

The details of the employees benefitted under PMRPY Scheme in Maharashtra during last four financial years is as follows:-

Financial Year	No. of Employees benefitted
2016-17	3678
2017-18	530166
2018-19	1917387
2019-2020	1089541

District-wise details for the state of Maharashtra including that of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts for the last three financial years is enclosed as Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1182 due for reply on 19-09-2020.

Distt - wise details for Maharashtra - PMRPY 2017-18			
State	District	Establishments Benefited	Employees Benefited
MAHARASHTRA	AHMADNAGAR	122	5536
MAHARASHTRA	AKOLA	16	257
MAHARASHTRA	AMRAVATI	15	983
MAHARASHTRA	AURANGABAD	293	13692
MAHARASHTRA	BHANDARA	5	221
MAHARASHTRA	BID	13	507
MAHARASHTRA	BULDANA	17	438
MAHARASHTRA	CHANDRAPUR	26	369
MAHARASHTRA	DHULE	20	901
MAHARASHTRA	GADCHIROLI	3	46
MAHARASHTRA	GONDIYA	3	45
MAHARASHTRA	HINGOLI	1	2
MAHARASHTRA	JALGAON	38	4912
MAHARASHTRA	JALNA	6	173
MAHARASHTRA	KOLHAPUR	175	7928
MAHARASHTRA	LATUR	8	117
MAHARASHTRA	MAHARASHTRA	3	1679
MAHARASHTRA	MUMBAI CITY	595	108961
MAHARASHTRA	MUMBAI SUBURBAN	740	222247
MAHARASHTRA	NAGPUR	144	5121
MAHARASHTRA	NANDED	10	95
MAHARASHTRA	NASHIK	331	12010
MAHARASHTRA	OSMANABAD	2	99
MAHARASHTRA	PALGHAR	77	1430
MAHARASHTRA	PARBHANI	5	423
MAHARASHTRA	PUNE	783	76774
MAHARASHTRA	RAIGARH	91	2707
MAHARASHTRA	RATNAGIRI	7	116
MAHARASHTRA	SANGLI	25	286
MAHARASHTRA	SATARA	61	2108
MAHARASHTRA	SINDHUDURG	2	35
MAHARASHTRA	SOLAPUR	28	441
MAHARASHTRA	THANE	832	57996
MAHARASHTRA	WARDHA	10	746
MAHARASHTRA	WASHIM	1	24
MAHARASHTRA	YAVATMAL	15	741
TOTAL		4523	530166

(a) Distt - wise details for Maharashtra - PMRPY 2018-19

State	District	Establishments Benefited	Employees Benefited
MAHARASHTRA	AHMADNAGAR	357	9594
MAHARASHTRA	AKOLA	39	878
MAHARASHTRA	AMRAVATI	52	3590
MAHARASHTRA	AURANGABAD	727	56214
MAHARASHTRA	BHANDARA	51	1107
MAHARASHTRA	BID	47	1636
MAHARASHTRA	BULDANA	40	1179
MAHARASHTRA	CHANDRAPUR	237	5026
MAHARASHTRA	DHULE	81	3375
MAHARASHTRA	GADCHIROLI	16	233
MAHARASHTRA	GONDIYA	20	336
MAHARASHTRA	HINGOLI	7	155
MAHARASHTRA	JALGAON	113	16556
MAHARASHTRA	JALNA	43	2480
MAHARASHTRA	KOLHAPUR	661	26378
MAHARASHTRA	LATUR	34	903
MAHARASHTRA	MAHARASHTRA	5	6860
MAHARASHTRA	MUMBAI CITY	1759	346024
MAHARASHTRA	MUMBAI SUBURBAN	2062	735038
MAHARASHTRA	NAGPUR	724	34775
MAHARASHTRA	NANDED	54	2029
MAHARASHTRA	NANDURBAR	8	174
MAHARASHTRA	NASHIK	963	49973
MAHARASHTRA	OSMANABAD	21	643
MAHARASHTRA	PALGHAR	356	10307
MAHARASHTRA	PARBHANI	60	1827
MAHARASHTRA	PUNE	3514	335469
MAHARASHTRA	RAIGARH	472	17680
MAHARASHTRA	RATNAGIRI	109	2394
MAHARASHTRA	SANGLI	137	3042
MAHARASHTRA	SATARA	236	8245
MAHARASHTRA	SINDHUDURG	18	763
MAHARASHTRA	SOLAPUR	246	5620
MAHARASHTRA	THANE	2709	221706
MAHARASHTRA	WARDHA	60	2663
MAHARASHTRA	WASHIM	3	69
MAHARASHTRA	YAVATMAL	43	2446
TOTAL		16084	1917387

(b) Distt - wise details for Maharashtra - PMRPY 2019-20

State	District	Establishments Benefitted	Employees Benefitted
MAHARASHTRA	AHMADNAGAR	363	7380
MAHARASHTRA	AKOLA	36	669
MAHARASHTRA	AMRAVATI	51	3063
MAHARASHTRA	AURANGABAD	693	28512
MAHARASHTRA	BHANDARA	49	833
MAHARASHTRA	BID	43	1252
MAHARASHTRA	BULDANA	41	1056
MAHARASHTRA	CHANDRAPUR	213	3793
MAHARASHTRA	DHULE	81	2379
MAHARASHTRA	GADCHIROLI	19	262
MAHARASHTRA	GONDIYA	19	245
MAHARASHTRA	HINGOLI	8	58
MAHARASHTRA	JALGAON	124	8862
MAHARASHTRA	JALNA	46	2069
MAHARASHTRA	KOLHAPUR	663	17358
MAHARASHTRA	LATUR	31	787
MAHARASHTRA	MAHARASHTRA	5	2606
MAHARASHTRA	MUMBAI CITY	1698	199440
MAHARASHTRA	MUMBAI SUBURBAN	2018	381601
MAHARASHTRA	NAGPUR	696	24057
MAHARASHTRA	NANDED	60	1991
MAHARASHTRA	NANDURBAR	7	95
MAHARASHTRA	NASHIK	935	31212
MAHARASHTRA	OSMANABAD	24	618
MAHARASHTRA	PALGHAR	394	8494
MAHARASHTRA	PARBHANI	44	1116
MAHARASHTRA	PUNE	3425	186977
MAHARASHTRA	RAIGARH	475	11643
MAHARASHTRA	RATNAGIRI	120	2247
MAHARASHTRA	SANGLI	140	2461
MAHARASHTRA	SATARA	231	5463
MAHARASHTRA	SINDHUDURG	20	742
MAHARASHTRA	SOLAPUR	257	4838
MAHARASHTRA	THANE	2658	141661
MAHARASHTRA	WARDHA	60	2058
MAHARASHTRA	WASHIM	4	73
MAHARASHTRA	YAVATMAL	44	1570
TOTAL		15795	1089541

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1188**

TO BE ANSWERED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 / BHADRAPADA 28, 1942 (Saka)

**'BENEFICIARIES OF ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT RELIEF PACKAGE AND
PM GARIB KALYAN YOJANA'**

1188: SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

- a) the list of number of beneficiaries who have availed assistance under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat relief package, State-wise;
- b) the total amount of assistance provided by the Government (sanctioned and availed) under various headings of the said scheme, State-wise along with the overall total assistance provided under AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan;
- c) the list of number of beneficiaries who have availed assistance under the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana and PM-Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, State-wise; and
- d) the total amount of assistance provided by the Government (sanctioned and availed) under various headings of the same and the overall assistance provided?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE (FINANCE)
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (b): Under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan various new Schemes/Programmes/policy measures were announced to make the country self-reliant and the Ministries/Department tasked to frame the schemes/programmes as per the announcements. The beneficiary oriented schemes under Atma Nirbhar Bharat were facility of supply of free food grain and pulses to migrants for 2 months and schemes relating to MSMEs i.e. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme. A statement indicating State-wise benefits availed under the schemes is at **Annexure-I**. Further, the PM Street Vendor's AatmaNirbhar Nidhi scheme has also been launched on 01.06.2020 to provide working capital loan of upto Rs.10,000/-, repayable in 12 monthly instalments, to street vendors whose business have been affected due to lockdown and who have been vending in urban areas on or before 24.03.2020. As on 10.09.2020, loans for 3.68 lakh street vendors have been approved, out of which loans have been disbursed to 99,000 beneficiaries.

(c) to (d): The Government had also announced a Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore relief under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus, it includes benefits under Pradhan Mantri Anna Yojana. A total of INR 68,820 crores have been provided as cash transfers to eligible persons under various components of PMGKP as on 7.9.2020. So far 178.85 Lakh MT of foodgrains and 6.82 Lakh MT of pulses have been distributed free of cost to approximately 75 crores beneficiaries under NFSA and this scheme will continue till November 2020. State/UT-wise details of the benefits sanctioned and availed under PM Garib Kalyan Package including PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana is at the Annexure II (a) & (b).

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (b) of LSUSQ No.1188 for answer on 19.09.2020

	State-wise details of loans disbursed under ECLGS (as on 16.09. 2020)		Distribution of foodgrains in States/UTs under Atma Nirbhar Bharat (ANB) scheme (in MT) (as on 07.09.2020)		Distribution of chana in States/UTs under Atma Nirbhar Bharat (ANB) scheme (in MT) (as on 07.09.2020)	
	State/UTs	Amounts disbursed (in Rs. Crore)	Total distribution by States/UTs (May to Aug 2020)	Beneficiaries (June 2020) ^{A*}	Total distribution by States/UTs	Beneficiaries
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	70.80	58	4,760	8.55	8554
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4741.94	7	810	0.00	0
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	38.54	583	5,616	33.73	33730
4.	Assam	1253.51	15712	13,98,000	637.95	637953
5.	Bihar	1990.15	86450	86,44,972	3151.00	3151000
6.	Chandigarh	479.76	90	8,968	7.06	7056
7.	Chhatisgarh	1951.89	1258	1,26,950	169.57	169573
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	102.93	164	16,220	11.70	11700
9.	Daman and Diu	83.31				
10.	Delhi	6381.74	4544	3,29,077	351.10	351100
11.	Goa	357.52	17	1,683	1.60	1600
12.	Gujarat	12005.92	266	43,316	19.00	19000
13.	Haryana	5834.02	7888	8,40,660	465.06	465060
14.	Himachal Pradesh	912.61	1705	1,70,500	111.70	111700
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	1597.88	1900	1,72,400	131.08	131080
16.	Jharkhand	1511.67	717	82,224	1057.91	1057905
17.	Karnataka	7249.99	11613	18,32,432	2055.38	2055380
18.	Kerala	4886.81	960	95,985	186.03	186030

19.	Ladakh	27.14	33	3,274	0.00	0
20.	Lakshadweep	1.62	14	1,394	4.53	4530
21.	Madhya Pradesh	4564.56	1774	1,65,178	157.50	157500
22.	Maharashtra	14364.30	17294	8,98,200	759.12	759120
23.	Manipur	70.01	676	67,600	82.35	82348
24.	Meghalaya	81.36	2099	1,49,800	81.73	81734
25.	Mizoram	34.80	236	19,900	29.75	29750
26.	Nagaland	45.68	1405	74,670	56.00	56000
27.	Odisha	2345.10	390	20,000	15.13	15130
28.	Puducherry	212.39	73	7,340	15.00	15000
29.	Punjab	4931.37	7193	7,19,300	980.00	980000
30.	Rajasthan	7490.01	42478	42,47,800	2003.00	2003000
31.	Sikkim	46.64	315	15,798	10.03	10031
32.	Tamilnadu	12445.58	2480	30,000	34.00	34000
33.	Telangana	5114.29	177	17,213	34.46	34460
34.	Tripura	137.23	277	13,368	20.73	20730
35.	Uttar Pradesh	8907.38	11809	7,59,106	1057.95	1057953
36.	Uttarakhand	1366.28	156	11,665	30.90	30900
37.	West Bengal	5899.95	43354	39,30,856	2646.76	2646760
	Total	119536.68	266164.053	24927034.8^{^*}	16417.37	16417367

^{^*} The persons covered are same every month. The highest total persons covered from May to August, 2020 were in June. Hence it has been taken

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		Insurance scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19	PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana – number of persons identified under NFSA (in lakh) – for distribution per month (April to November 2020)	Total Distribution of Foodgrains to beneficiaries (in MT) from April 2020 to till 7.9.2020	Pulses-number of persons identified under NFSA (in lakh) – for distribution per month (April to November 2020)	Qty of Pulses distributed by States/UTs (in MT) – April 2020 to till 7.9.2020	No. Of Cylinder delivered - PMUY April to August, 2020
No.	State	Claims disbursed	Total (AAY & PHH)				
1.	Andaman & Nicobar		0.61	1342	0.16	49.05	20,769
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4	268.23	635928.54	90.28	45018.62	7,33,230
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	8.21	17215.42	1.77	571.561	65,998
4.	Assam	2	251.53	506098.035	57.96	19614.09	42,61,952
5.	Bihar	1	857.12	1727839.033	168.85	54228.87	1,44,39,342
6.	Chandigarh		2.75	3793.04	0.64	228.43	246
7.	Chhattisgarh	1	200.77	506390.755	51.5	22616.74	31,71,197
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu		1.73- D & NH- KIND 0.36 – D& NH- CASH DAMAN & DIU- 0.76	6312.902	0.65	391.44	22,600
9.	Delhi	1	72.73	166963.0656	17.54	6033.64	1,94,869
10.	Goa		5.32	13011.507	1.43	644.103	2,024
11.	Gujarat	8	382.54	801111.37	65.63	20090.95	44,31,673
12.	Haryana		126.49	285128.669	27	10916	14,90,015
13.	Himachal		28.64	63592.905	6.84	3276.5	2,85,947

	Pradesh						
14.	Jammu and Kashmir		72.05	169195.6	16.45	8984.09	18,36,471
15.	Jharkhand		263.70	515408.688	57.12	24040.22	47,15,844
16.	Karnataka	3	401.93	977417.15	127.23	38168.19	54,48,255
17.	Kerala	3	154.80	366701.602	37.38	12609.49	4,78,410
18.	Ladakh		1.44	2505	0.29	87.65	17,039
19.	Lakswdeep		0.22	453.12	0.05156	20.18	460
20.	Madhya Pradesh	1	546.42	1062037.658	116.85	42791.4	98,07,942
21.	Maharashtra	13	700.17	1535041.139	167.05	40024.13	73,24,831
22.	Manipur		24.57	61346.86	5.88	2131.416	2,51,990
23.	Meghalaya		21.46	51401	4.22	1722.802	1,47,750
24.	Mizoram		6.68	15351.881	1.55	807.261	51,690
25.	Nagaland		14.05	33585.086	2.85	1660.849	75,654
26.	Odisha		323.60	748141.347	92.85	40335.4	77,26,387
27.	Poducherry		6.28	9142.06	1.79	535.5	30,613
28.	Punjab	1	141.45	199011.3	35.96	10643.24	24,33,890
29.	Rajasthan	4	446.62	1159894.144	111.85	36331.41	1,01,62,602
30.	Sikkim		3.79	6852.625	0.94	317.964	21,055
31.	Tamilnadu	4	357.34	829049.154	111.08	33323.76	58,28,658
32.	Telangana	2	191.62	481824.113	53.29	14144.38	17,65,085
33.	Tripura		24.83	62051.427	9.2	1942.245	3,79,414
34.	Uttar Pradesh	5	1520.59	3498398.415	352.45	139634.3	2,58,12,057
35.	Uttarakhand		61.96	145939.01	13.46	5544.27	7,29,948
36.	West Bengal	3	601.84	1219345.34	145.29	42058	1,65,21,610
	TOTAL	57	8095.19	17884820.96	1,955	681538.2	13,06,87,807

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No.	State	PM KISAN		PMJDY			Total amount transferred (in lakh) from April to June	NSAP National Social Assistance Programme		BoCW (Building and construction Fund)		EPFO withdrawals		24% EPF contribution						DMF				
		No of beneficiaries	Amount (Rs lakh) #	No of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (APRIL)*	No of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (MAY)	No. of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (JUNE)		Total Beneficiaries (APRIL & MAY)	Amount released @ Rs 500 (Rs lakh - April & May)	No of beneficiaries Identified (1st Inst)	No of beneficiaries Identified (2nd Inst)	Total amount (Rs lakh)	Beneficiary les	Amount (Rs lakh)	Beneficiary les (March)	Beneficiary les (April)	Beneficiary les (May)	Beneficiary les (June)	Beneficiary les (July)		Beneficiary les (Aug)	Total amount transferred (in lakh) from March to August	Amount spent on COVID-19 related activities (In Crore)	
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10677	213.54	23064	29457	29449	409.85	5928	59.28	11014	5375	491.67	484	161.7728	1841	1749	1643	1488	913	90	159.97	-		
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4695820	93916.4	6013565	7191392	7190292	101976.248	932661	9326.61	1967484	0	19674.84	108567	30485.44	153300	158283	151372	146792	133535	7318	11325.18	100.43		
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	66323	1326.36	180119	187968	187888	2779.875	34139	341.39	9000	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-	
4.	Assam	1861715	37234.3	9534385	9649421	9648441	144161.235	840984	8409.84	270000	0	2700	11203	2777.231	7160	7499	7370	6763	5619	477	510.57	0.65		
5.	Bihar	5899824	117996.5	23315732	24380254	24372302	360341.44	3664811	36648.11	0	0	0	40567	7602.829	52951	54805	53798	51197	44947	2333	3993.25	0		
6.	Chandigarh	429	8.58	110537	111245	111152	1664.67	3415	34.15	6670	0	400.2	39886	8632.315	23322	20897	22073	21409	20084	1182	1892.67	-		
7.	Chhattisgarh	2167441	43348.82	7857012	8062757	8062722	119912.455	852275	8522.75	0	0	0	46119	8660.045	76268	78444	75723	72665	68033	3206	5995.94	4.36		
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	10150	209	52817	53691	53681	800.945	9588	95.88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-	
9.	Daman and Diu	3981	67.62	17387	17475	17473	261.675	1976	13.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-	
10.	Delhi	12075	241.5	2030271	2036383	2036383	30515.945	156436	1564.36	39600	39600	3960	295243	73596.16	39830	36799	38868	34673	30943	1233	3530.06	-		
11.	Goa	7854	157.08	69987	70389	70365	1053.705	2061	20.61	5117	0	307.02	12169	3107.291	17876	15988	15259	14491	13792	381	1918.55	22		
12.	Gujarat	4685062	93701.24	71308005	7266513	7265305	108199.115	688953	6889.53	483196	0	4831.96	185208	37273.44	243172	251261	244516	242384	230145	22558	18731.51	13.08		
13.	Haryana	1514497	30289.94	3416299	3568702	3566923	52759.62	327269	3272.69	350621	0	17531.05	209604	53039.98	76918	64925	70265	67210	63189	2943	5957.47	0		
14.	Himachal Pradesh	870609	17412.18	584184	667491	667262	9594.685	111863	1118.63	120265	126039	4926.08	17216	3507.582	43424	41484	42402	42550	40546	1477	3308.08	0.43		
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	920451	18409.02	1049256	1064015	1062263	15877.67	143289	1432.89	155975	0	4679.25	187	17.82763	23836	21959	21844	21586	19224	2594	1742.92	-		
16.	Jharkhand	1231912	24638.24	7227042	7440551	7437612	110526.025	1288850	12888.5	0	0	0	29000	5142.649	87786	86091	83575	83130	78118	4699	7158.94	9.66		
17.	Karnataka	4839093	96781.86	7987088	8035479	8033726	120281.465	1398410	13984.1	1362438	0	68121.9	452484	153845.2	281634	273165	265267	257403	232202	12724	24206.08	62.13		
18.	Kerala	2716844	54936.88	2413289	2607463	2606513	38136.325	688329	6883.29	454124	0	4541.24	101119	31103.73	110118	91211	99799	104292	98891	1920	8671.58	0		
19.	Ladakh	0	0	9951	10027	10392	151.85	Included above	Included in J&K above	Included in J&K above	0	0	16	1.75331	177	143	146	114	105	0	17.89	-		
20.	Lakshadweep	0	0	2867	2922	2920	43.545	324	3.24	520	0	32.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-		
21.	Madhya Pradesh	6812020	136240.4	16622091	16786519	16783417	250960.135	2205963	22059.63	891850	0	17837	90993	18149.3	158162	144857	134320	135658	129638	7365	10511.56	5.1		
22.	Maharashtra	8632718	172654.4	12947062	13152844	13151473	196256.895	1168385	11683.85	894408	0	17888.16	667817	187350.5	418770	404866	380529	372293	346133	16493	31148.58	45.86		
23.	Manipur	283457	5669.14	504169	523814	523622	7758.025	61972	619.72	52605	0	526.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-		
24.	Meghalaya	115638	2312.76	268908	318894	318797	4532.995	54127	541.27	24730	0	1236.5	0	50025	54058	52551	49333	45249	5711	3315.59	-			
25.	Mizoram	69425	1388.5	58176	153791	153756	1828.615	27538	275.38	51451	0	1549.53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-		
26.	Nagaland	181008	3620.16	157792	167255	167204	2461.255	49210	492.1	19046	0	380.92	0	31249.32	40666	8771.322	129713	133169	132889	130113	120833	6775	5822.89	61.34
27.	Odisha	2003185	40063.7	8121020	8520484	8518976	125802.4	2027022	20270.22	2083288	0	20832.88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-	
28.	Puducherry	9715	194.3	83926	88559	88506	1304.955	28757	287.57	0	0	0	0	0	16110	13895	14074	14095	13358	632	950.29	-		
29.	Punjab	1752498	35049.96	3322186	3375108	3373363	50353.285	140404	1404.04	289237	0	17354.22	49472	9665.656	66008	55952	63477	60461	55427	5106	4779.19	0.65		
30.	Rajasthan	5164391	103287.8	15613962	15849421	15845503	236544.43	987781	9877.81	2230000	0	55750	83903	15761.46	120047	113479	111154	108908	101109	6315	7649.36	15.08		
31.	Sikkim	0	0	42552	43915	43908	651.875	18332	183.32	7836	0	156.72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-		
32.	Tamil Nadu	3559533	71190.66	6075989	6138375	6136949	91756.565	181470	18147	1370601	0	27412.02	583161	158265.2	507424	458395	476308	471998	442011	23263	32325.05	13.42		
33.	Telangana	3331468	66629.36	5260800	5154930	5153020	77843.75	665956	6659.56	830324	0	12454.86	241181	77656.9	156113	156685	152357	148451	136995	6883	10159.07	0		
34.	Tripura	190441	3808.82	431770	444368	444316	6602.27	138473	1384.73	39082	0	1172.46	1137	285.8338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-		
35.	Uttar Pradesh	17675849	353517	31813530	32440690	32431427	483427.935	5257390	52573.9	1821520	1695490	35170.1	164511	33390.64	190548	188671	189660	187867	177736	12618	14786.99	0.22		
36.	Uttarakhand	674688	13493.76	1267372	1335177	1335873	19692.11	215109	2151.09	228423	228423	4568.46	46150	7975.994	39032	36608	36725	36632	34787	1794	2958.71	0.02		
37.	West Bengal	0	0	18995377	19349032	19341332	288428.705	2132959	21329.59	2198349	0	21983.49	86684	18083.47	329406	321645	332165	337058	317556	18739	20675.05	-		
	TOTAL	89454616	1789092	206500000	206296711	206244658	3095206.845	28145039	281450.4	18262774	2094927	378941.8	3604747	954311.5	3419971	3286977	3268129	3221014	3001118	176829	247602.98	354.42		

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

POLICY TO RAISE EMPLOYMENT LEVEL

1192. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policies to raise the level of employment in cities after the start of unlock procedure;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has formulated policy to support or provide employment to the workers of unorganized urban sectors; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) :Government has taken various initiatives for creating jobs at local level & supporting workers through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Aatmanirbhar Bharat & Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhayan (PMGKRA) to mitigate the problems posed by covid-19. Aatmanirbhar Bharat is based on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth. It encompasses an economic package of Rs. 20 Lakh crore which inter-alia facilitates creation of employment opportunities in the country in urban & rural areas, organized & unorganized sectors.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna(PMGKY)launched in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, Government of India is contributing both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF) totaling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for all the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs. 15,000/-.

Statutory Provident Fund(PF) contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each for all establishments covered by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)for three months.

Government of India has launched PM SVANidhi Scheme to facilitate collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately, 50 lakh street vendors, to resume their businesses.

RBI and Government of India have introduced various measures to infuse liquidity in the economy to sustain the market economy and to raise the level of employment.

Employment generation and improving employability has been the priority concern of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country (including cities & workers of urban unorganized sectors) like encouraging private sector of economy, fast-tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes such as Deendayal Antodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM),PMEGP, etc.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) is a scheme of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs which aims to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, for improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

BENEFITS OF PROVIDENT FUND

†1199. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken action against those companies that do not provide the benefit of provident fund to their employees; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of such companies against whom action has been taken during the last three years in all the States including Rajasthan?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Action as per the provisions of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF & MP) Act, 1952 has been initiated against the defaulting companies where Provident Fund (PF) has not been remitted to its employees. The details of State/UT-wise Inquires initiated and disposed off under Section 7A of EPF & MP Act, 1952 during three years (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19) are at Annexures A, B and C.

Annexure A

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199 FOR REPLY ON 19.09.2020 BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI REGARDING BENEFITS OF PROVIDENT FUND.

Initiation and Disposal of Assessment Cases under Section 7A of the Act During 2016-17							
Sl. No.	State/UT	Cases for disposal as on 01.04.2016	Cases initiated during the year	Total Workload	Cases disposed by issue of final orders	Disposal in terms of %	Cases pending as on 31.03.2017
1	Andhra Pradesh	594	401	995	540	54.27	455
2	Assam	424	81	505	234	46.34	271
3	Bihar	848	74	922	45	4.88	877
4	Chandigarh	918	1192	2110	1013	48.01	1097
5	Chhattisgarh	366	295	661	218	32.98	443
6	Delhi	685	370	1055	216	20.47	839
7	Gujarat	1603	610	2213	522	23.59	1691
8	Haryana	625	507	1132	516	45.58	616
9	Himachal Pradesh	290	143	433	180	41.57	253
10	Jharkhand	409	329	738	262	35.50	476
11	Karnataka	1035	1920	2955	1320	44.67	1635
12	Kerala	578	1034	1612	1005	62.34	607
13	Madhya Pradesh	573	542	1115	469	42.06	646
14	Maharashtra	3054	3061	6115	1832	29.96	4283
15	Odisha	354	238	592	306	51.69	286
16	Punjab	749	1868	2617	1283	49.03	1334
17	Rajasthan	494	545	1039	329	31.67	710
18	Tamil Nadu	1829	2016	3845	2024	52.64	1821
19	Telangana	2127	1035	3162	1054	33.33	2108
20	Uttar Pradesh	2275	1041	3316	1139	34.35	2177
21	West Bengal	793	558	1351	692	51.22	659
Grand Total		20623	17860	38483	15199	39.50	23284

Annexure B

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199 FOR REPLY ON 19.09.2020 BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI REGARDING BENEFITS OF PROVIDENT FUND.

<u>Initiation and Disposal of Assessment Cases under Section 7A of the Act</u>							
<u>During 2017-18</u>							
Sl. No.	State/UT	Cases for disposal as on 01.04.2017	Cases initiated during the year	Total Workload	Cases disposed by issue of final orders	Disposal in terms of %	Cases pending as on 31.03.2018
1	Andhra Pradesh	455	129	584	368	63.01	216
2	Assam	229	20	249	131	52.61	118
3	Bihar	780	84	864	82	9.49	782
4	Chandigarh	630	229	859	271	31.55	588
5	Chhattisgarh	443	1389	1832	951	51.91	881
6	Delhi	1124	123	1247	313	25.10	934
7	Goa	123	44	167	65	38.92	102
8	Gujarat	1677	525	2202	774	35.15	1428
9	Haryana	617	167	784	387	49.36	397
10	Himachal Pradesh	253	77	330	238	72.12	92
11	Jharkhand	476	174	650	243	37.38	407
12	Karnataka	1377	1466	2843	1432	50.37	1411
13	Kerala	420	509	929	590	63.51	339
14	Madhya Pradesh	646	388	1034	383	37.04	651
15	Maharashtra	4631	641	5272	1615	30.63	3657
16	Meghalaya	16	8	24	8	33.33	16
17	Odisha	286	60	346	158	45.66	188
18	Puducherry	57	90	147	65	44.22	82
19	Punjab	1801	871	2672	1485	55.58	1187
20	Rajasthan	710	202	912	300	32.89	612
21	Tamil Nadu	1763	1213	2976	1411	47.41	1565
22	Telangana	1996	198	2194	547	24.93	1647
23	Tripura	26	21	47	31	65.96	16
24	Uttar Pradesh	1923	615	2538	791	31.17	1747
25	Uttarakhand	215	24	239	34	14.23	205
26	West Bengal	681	345	1026	427	41.62	599
Grand Total		23355	9612	32967	13100	39.74	19867

Annexure C

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199 FOR REPLY ON 19.09.2020 BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI REGARDING BENEFITS OF PROVIDENT FUND.

Initiation and disposal of Assessment Cases under Section 7A of the Act During 2018-19							
Sl. No.	State/UT	Cases for disposal as on 01.04.2018	Cases initiated during the year	Total Workload	Cases disposed by issue of final orders	Disposal in terms of %	Cases pending as on 31.03.2019
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	27	25	52	8	15.38	44
2	Andhra Pradesh	216	156	372	210	56.45	162
3	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur & Nagaland	118	16	134	76	56.72	58
4	Bihar	783	93	876	164	18.72	712
5	Chhattisgarh	881	192	1073	620	57.78	453
6	Delhi	653	491	1144	501	43.79	643
7	Goa	102	10	112	42	37.50	70
8	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1427	658	2085	768	36.83	1317
9	Haryana	396	330	726	240	33.06	486
10	Himachal Pradesh	92	95	187	103	55.08	84
11	Jharkhand	406	295	701	308	43.94	393
12	Karnataka	1407	1156	2563	1575	61.45	988
13	Kerala & Lakshadweep	339	786	1125	847	75.29	278
14	Madhya Pradesh	651	703	1354	540	39.88	814
15	Maharashtra	3297	848	4145	1241	29.94	2904
16	Meghalaya & Mizoram	16	28	44	22	50.00	22
17	Odisha	188	94	282	154	54.61	128
18	Puducherry	82	70	152	69	45.39	83
19	Punjab & Chandigarh	1776	1064	2840	1497	52.71	1343
20	Rajasthan	612	194	806	317	39.33	489
21	Tamil Nadu	1565	4018	5583	2379	42.61	3204
22	Telangana	1646	803	2449	1051	42.92	1398
23	Tripura	16	4	20	12	60.00	8
24	Uttar Pradesh	1974	949	2923	1026	35.10	1897
25	Uttarakhand	157	42	199	57	28.64	142
26	West Bengal & Sikkim	537	558	1095	478	43.65	617
Grand Total		19364	13678	33042	14305	43.29	18737

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

JOB UNDER GAREEB KALYAN ROJGAR ABHIYAN

1213. MS DIYA KUMARI:

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

- (a) the total numbers of jobs provided in Rajasthan under the Gareeb Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan; and**
- (b) the measures taken by the Government since COVID-19 to provide employment opportunities in rural areas?**

ANSWER

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(a) to (b): The total number of employment generated in persondays in Rajasthan under Gareeb Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan is 1,11,34,3237.

The global spread of the corona virus (COVID-19) followed by lockdowns has affected economies across the globe, including India. Government has taken initiatives for creating jobs at local levels & supporting migrant workers through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Aatmanirbhar Bharat and the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan Aatmanirbhar Bharat is based on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth. It encompasses an economic package of Rs. 20 Lakh crore inter-alia, for facilitating creation of employment opportunities in the country.

The Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) is a 125-day Abhiyan launched on 20th June, 2020 with a mission to address the issues of returnee migrant workers and similarly affected rural population by Covid-19 pandemic through a multipronged strategy of providing immediate employment & livelihood opportunities to the distressed, to saturate the villages with public infrastructure and creation of livelihood assets, boost the income generation activities and enhance long term livelihood opportunities by giving focus on 25 works in 116 selected districts across 6 States with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore.

Under PMGKY, Government of India is contributing both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), totalling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for all the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs. 15000/-.

Statutory PF contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each for all establishments covered by EPFO for three months.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1242
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

ILO REPORT ON INDIA'S WORKFORCE

**1242. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:**

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

- (a) whether COVID-19 crisis has pushed about 90% of India's workforce of 500 million in the informal sector out of jobs as per a report by ILO;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has identified the worst affected sectors and regions and outlined policies to mitigate the crisis as the eventual increase in unemployment will substantially depend on policy measures;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has noticed that a report of ILO that 40 crores of Indian people are being pushed to below poverty line; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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(a) to (f): ILO's report namely "ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the world of work- Second edition- Updated Estimates and Analysis" (dated 7th April 2020) is available on the website of ILO.

In order to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on India's workforce, various initiatives have been taken by the Ministry of Labour and Employment as part of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and Atmanirbhar Bharat which, inter-alia, include-

- (i) payment of 12% employers' share and 12% employees' share under Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), totalling 24% by the Government of India for six wage months from March to August, 2020 for all the establishments having up to 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs.15,000 monthly wage;**

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- (ii) reduction in Provident Fund (PF) contribution from 12% to 10% of wages for the wage months of May, June and July, 2020;**
- (iii) non-refundable COVID advance from the PF by amending the EPF Scheme, 1952; till date, about Rs 39,000 crore have been withdrawn by members of EPFO.**
- (iv) extension in the date of filing of returns;**
- (v) issuing advisory to promptly attend to distress calls of workers /employees and also guide them in temporary shelters;**
- (vi) using Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) cess fund for transfer of around Rs. 5000 crore in the bank accounts of around 1.83 crore construction workers affected by COVID-19 outbreak; and**
- (vii) Advising employers not to terminate workers and not to cut their wages;**
- (viii) The unemployment benefit under the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana being implemented by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour & Employment has been enhanced to 50% from 25% of the average earning, payable for upto 90 days, along with relaxation of eligibility conditions for insured workers who have lost employment due to COVID-19 pandemic. The enhanced benefit is applicable from 24th March 2020 to 31st December 2020.**

Government has taken initiatives for creating jobs at local levels and supporting migrant workers through Atmanirbhar Bharat and the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan. Atmanirbhar Bharat is based on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth. The Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan involves intensified and focussed implementation of 25 target driven works to provide employment and create infrastructure in the rural areas of 116 districts of 6 states with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore to be implemented in a mission mode campaign in 125 days.

Government has also launched PM SVANidhi Scheme to facilitate collateral free working capital loan of upto Rs. 10,000 of one year tenure, to approximately 50 lakh street vendors, to resume their businesses. Reserve Bank of India and the Government have also introduced various measures to infuse liquidity in the economy to sustain the market economy and to raise the level of employment.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1253
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

WELFARE OF UNSKILLED AND SKILLED MIGRANT LABOURERS

1253. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes started/ implemented by the Government for welfare of unskilled and skilled migrant labourers in the country;**
- (b) the State/UT-wise details of the funds sanctioned/released and utilised in the current year;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study/survey regarding the condition of workers at work places in the wake of COVID-19;**
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to improve the overall conditions of the workers including their safety and health from COVID-19 at their work places?**

ANSWER

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(a) to (e): Government has taken a number of measures for the welfare of the migrant workers, especially after the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

Around 1.83 crore Building and Other Construction (BOC) workers have been given cash assistance from the cess fund. State-wise details is annexed.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched a scheme for Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs), which is a sub-Scheme under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) to create vibrant, sustainable & inclusive Affordable Rental Housing avenues for urban migrants/poor.

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Beneficiaries for ARHCs will be from Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) category including industrial workers, migrants working with market/trade associations, educational/health institutions, hospitality sector, long term tourists/visitors, students etc.

Government of India has launched PM SVANidhi Scheme to facilitate collateral free working capital loan upto Rs. 10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately, 50 lakh street vendors, to resume their businesses.

Approximately 80 crore beneficiaries are being provided additional 5 kg wheat or rice and 1 kg of preferred pulses, free of cost every month till November, 2020 under provisions of National Food Security Act.

In addition 30 lakh BOC workers have been given food package relief also from cess fund. To boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, Government of India has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan on 20th June, 2020. The Abhiyaan focuses on durable rural infrastructure and providing modern facilities like internet in the villages. Skill Mapping of the rural migrant labour is being done to help them work closer home. The Abhiyaan involves intensified and focused implementation of 25 target driven works to provide employment and create infrastructure in the rural areas of 116 districts of 6 States with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore.

The Central Government has issued comprehensive Advisory Guidelines on 27.07.2020 to all the States/UTs for the welfare of the migrant workers returning to the destination States in the backdrop of Covid-19.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1253. For 19.09.2020

State-wise status of cash relief provided to Building and Other Construction workers during Covid-19

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Total no of BoCW workers given assistance (A)	Total amount disbursed (Rs in Lakh) (B)	Expenditure on Other Items like food, Ration Kit, shelter etc. (Rs in Lakh) (C)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1967484	19674.84	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3000	60	
3.	Assam	270000	2700	
4.	Bihar	0	0	Food package & other non-cash assistance
5.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	Food package & other non-cash assistance
6.	Goa	5117	307.02	
7.	Gujarat	483196	4831.96	25000
8.	Haryana	350621	17531.05	
9.	Himachal Pradesh	121281	4946.4	
10.	J&K (including Laddakh)	155975	4679.25	
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	5875
12.	Karnataka	1362438	68121.9	Food, ration etc.
13.	Kerala	454124	4541.24	
14.	Madhya Pradesh	891850	17837	
15.	Maharashtra	894408	17888.16	
16.	Manipur	52605	526.05	
17.	Meghalaya	24730	1236.5	
18.	Mizoram	51451	1543.53	640
19.	Nagaland	19046	380.92	
20.	Odisha	2083288	31249.32	
21.	Punjab	289237	17354.22	
22.	Rajasthan	2230000	55750	
23.	Sikkim	7836	156.72	
24.	Tamil Nadu	1370601	27412.02	
25.	Telangana	830324	12454.86	88027
26.	Tripura	39082	1172.46	
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1824911	35384.15	
28.	Uttarakhand	228423	4568.46	1.5 lakh ration kits distributed
29.	West Bengal	2198349	21983.49	
30.	Delhi	39600	3960	
31.	A&N Islands	11014	491.67	
32.	Chandigarh	6670	400.2	
33.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	Food, ration etc.
34.	Daman and Diu	0	0	Food, ration etc
35.	Lakshadweep	520	32.76	
36.	Puducherry	0	0	
	Total	18267181	379176.15	119542
37.			Total Amount Disbursed (B+C)	498718.15

Source:- As per reports received from the State BOCW Welfare Board

Total BOC

workers

benefited

18267181

Total Amount

4987.18 crore

disbursed

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

PLANTATION WORKERS

1288. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure that Tea and Cinchona Plantation workers are paid their dues during the COVID lockdown period;**
- (b) whether the Ministry is taking any action on plantation owners who do not pay their share of Provident Fund; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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(a): Plantation workers are covered by the Plantation Labour Act 1951 which inter-alia, covers the welfare of plantation workers including tea workers and cinchona workers.

The workers are also covered by various industrial and social security legislations like Employees' Compensation Act, 1923, Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, Payment of Wages Act, 1936, Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and Industrial Employment (Standing Order) Act, 1946 as applicable.

The steps taken by this Ministry during the COVID lockdown period are as follows:

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(1) An advisory was issued to the Employers Associations wherein the Employers of Public/Private Establishments were advised not to terminate their employees or reduce their wages.

(2) Twenty Control Rooms were set up by Ministry of Labour and Employment across the country to receive and address the grievances of workers regarding wages etc. during the national lockdown.

(b) to (c): The Employers of covered establishments under EPF & MP Act, 1952 including Plantation establishments are required to file Electronic Challan cum Return (ECR) in respect of all their employees and remit the dues within 15 days of close of wage month.

In the event of non-filing of ECR, the employers are alerted through SMS/e-mail to remit the dues and if compliance is not made, action is taken to inspect the records of estt, assess the amount in default by quasi-judicial process u/s 7A of EPF & MP Act, 1952 and recover the assessed dues. Penalty is imposed u/s 14B of the Act for wilful default in payment of dues.

The aforesaid action against defaulter is a continuous process as per the various provisions of the Act till compliance is secured.

Keeping in view the social distancing norms during Covid-19 Pandemic and provide ease and convenience to employers & employees:

i. e-Inspection was introduced to enable the employers to inform the outstanding dues, propose timeline to remit the dues and intimate closure of their business.

ii. system of virtual hearings in the quasi judicial cases under section 7A & 14B was recently launched by Hon'ble MoS (I/C), L&E, to hear the parties and fast track the assessment of worker's dues.

During 2019-20, Rs.7849.51 lakhs has been assessed under Section 7A, Rs.265.37 lakhs levied under Section 14B and Rs 8750.99 lakhs has been recovered from Tea and Cinchona Plantation establishments.

During the year 2019-20, complaints have been filed with police in 54 cases of non-payment of employees share contributions deducted from wages of employees of Tea Plantation.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1291
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

PLACEMENT AGENCIES EXPORTING MONEY FROM UNEMPLOYED

†1291. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether in the country, especially in metropolitan cities, various agencies are functioning which extort money from unemployed people in the name of registration or by promising them to provide employment;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take action against such agencies and to formulate some legislation for their monitoring, if so, details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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(a) to (d): States/UTs have been advised to regulate the conduct of private placement agencies. Complaints, if any are received by respective State Governments/UT administration and are dealt under the provisions of IPC or others prevailing Acts under which such establishments are registered. Central Government and many State Governments have launched online job-portals so that job-seekers can connect with the employer and vice-versa free of cost. Central Government is also assisting State Governments to modernize employment exchanges for providing employment services to job seekers.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1323
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

RATE OF INTEREST OF EPFO

1323. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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

- (a) the rate of interest paid to the Employees' Provident Fund subscribers during each of the last three years;**
- (b) whether the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has proposed further reduced interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund for the Financial Year, 2020;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the interest rate being provided on Employees' Provident Fund at present;**
- (d) the number of employees likely to suffer loss as a result thereof; and**
- (e) the total number of such employees contributing regularly to this Fund, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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(a): The details of rate of interest paid to the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) subscribers during the last three financial years are as under:

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Year	Rate of Interest per annum (in per cent.)
2016-17	8.65
2017-18	8.55
2018-19	8.65

(b) & (c): The rate of interest to be credited to EPF members' accounts is based on Incomes and Liabilities for the particular financial year as per Paragraph 60(4) of the EPF Scheme 1952. In view of exceptional circumstances arising out of COVID-19, the agenda regarding Interest Rate was reviewed by the Central Board, EPF in its 227th Meeting held on 9th September, 2020 and it recommended the earlier rate of interest @ 8.50% for the financial year 2019-20 to the Central Government. The recommendation of the Central Board of Trustees requires approval of the Government.

(d) & (e): The declaration of EPF Rate of Interest is a dynamic exercise depending upon the earnings of the particular year. There is no fixed/ standard rate of interest from which the declared EPF interest rate can be compared to arrive at gain/loss to employees.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1335
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

INVESTMENT OF EPFO

**1335. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) is investing its corpus in different entities to earn interest;**
- (b) if so, this investment is made with the approval of Central or concerned State Governments;**
- (c) whether investment of EPFO was made recently in some loss making or infrastructure projects have come to the notice of the Government especially from Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether EPFO has to bear a huge loss from these investments, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether investment has been made with connivance of Regional provident Fund Commissioners and some officials of the State Governments and if so, the number of persons held responsible, arrested and action initiated against them; and**
- (f) whether Government has not learnt lessons from earlier such scams, if so, the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) invest its corpus as per the Pattern of Investment notified by the Central Government and the internal guidelines of EPFO approved by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund.

(c) to (e): EPFO does not invest in any loss making private sector Company or infrastructure projects as per the internal guidelines of EPFO.

(f): EPFO invests its corpus as per the Pattern of Investment notified by the Central Government.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

EPF PENSION

1342. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a case is pending before the Hon. Supreme Court on the issue of enhancing the rates of EPF pensions and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of the said case;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement the order of the High Court of Kerala regarding the option on higher pension based on salary and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has obtained stay for the operation of the order of High Court of Kerala from the apex Court and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has issued direction to the subordinate offices to implement the order of the High Court of Kerala in this regard and if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the reasons for non-implementation of the order of the High Court of Kerala; and**
- (f) whether the EPFO is bound by the order of the Kerala High Court and if so, the reasons for delay in implementation and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a): Special Leave Petition (SLP) (CIVIL) No. 16721-16722/2019 and Review Petition (CIVIL) No. 1430-1431/2019 have been submitted by Union of India and Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) respectively on the issue of admissibility of pension on full wages. Hon'ble Supreme Court through order dated 12.07.2019, has decided to list the stated SLP and Review Petition in open court.

Further, vide order dated 06.02.2020, in Writ Petition (C) No. 233/2018 (M. Chokalingam Vs. Union of India and others), the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed the writ petitions from employees of exempted establishments to be listed together with aforesaid SLP and Review Petition.

(b) to (f): The matter is now sub-judice. As such, further steps in the matter hinges upon the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the aforesaid cases.
