GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1844 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

INCREASE IN ENROLMENT IN EPF

1844. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a)whether enrolment in EPF has gone up during the last three months; and
- (b) if so, the indication that it gives on the health of the economy?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) publishes Payroll data every month whereby the number of subscribers joining Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) for the first time through Aadhaar validated Universal Account Number (UAN), existing subscribers exiting and subscribers who exited earlier rejoin as subscribers is reported to arrive at net Payroll. As per the latest published Payroll on 20.02.2022 (up to the wage month of December, 2021), the details of Net Payroll for the last three wage months are as under:

Wage Months of 2021	Number of new EPF subscribers	Number of members exited	Number of exited members who rejoined and resubscribed	Net Payroll [(2+4)-3]
1	2	3	4	5
October	818356	838108	1010541	990789
November	873808	694065	1037430	1217173
December	911258	449517	998655	1460396

Note: The Net Payroll Data published by EPFO is provisional as updation of employees' records is a continuous process and gets updated in subsequent month(s).

(b): The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is applicable on the factories and establishments employing 20 or more persons engaged in any of the 197 class of establishments/schedule of industries and employees with monthly EPF wages up to Rs.15,000/- only are statutorily required to be enrolled as members. The monthly net payroll data of EPFO indicates the pattern and trends in employment and job creations in the organized/formal sectors of economy.
