

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3007  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.12.2016  
GAP BETWEEN PF ACCOUNTS AND CONTRIBUTION**

**3007. SHRI P. KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether there is a wide gap between the number of Provident Fund account and members contributing every month and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the total number of PF accounts being handled by Employee's Provident Fund Organisation along with active and dormant accounts for which contributions are not being received, State/UT-wise; and**
- (c) the number of members whose contributions have been continuously received through their employers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?**

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

**(a): The total number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) member accounts as on 31.03.2016, as per Annual Report for 2015-16, is 17.14 crore. On an average, contributions have been received in respect of 3.76 crore members during the year 2015-16. Reasons for this gap are as under:-**

- (i) The members after switching over from one covered establishment to another, especially, those employed in seasonal establishments and contractor workers, do not withdraw or get their balance transferred to the new Provident Fund (PF) account resulting in multiple accounts.**
- (ii) It is not statutorily mandated for members to withdraw the accumulations after they are no longer in employment.**

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**(b): The total number of EPF member accounts as on 31.03.2016, as per Annual Report for 2015-16, is 17.14 crore. Further, there is no dormant account in Employees' Provident Fund (EPF). However, as per para 72(6) of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, certain amounts are classified as 'Inoperative Accounts' in which contributions have not been received for 36 months continuously. All such Inoperative Accounts have, however, definite claimants.**

**The State/UT-wise details of accounts/ members are at Annex-I.**

**(c): The total number of members (on an average) whose contributions have been received during the last three years are as under:-**

<b>2013-14 :</b>	<b>3.26 crore</b>
<b>2014-15 :</b>	<b>3.49 crore</b>
<b>2015-16 :</b>	<b>3.76 crore</b>

**State/UT-wise details of average contributing members as on 31.03.2016 are at Annex-II.**

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**Annex referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3007 by Shri P. Kumar for 05.12.2016 regarding Gap between PF Accounts and Contribution.**

**ESTABLISHMENTS AND MEMBERS – STATE/UT-WISE (AS ON 31-03-2016)**

State/UT	Establishments			Members		
	UEX*	EX**	TOTAL	UEX*	EX**	TOTAL
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLAND	672	3	675	30,522	6	30,528
ANDHRA PRADESH	36,878	50	36,928	31,83,210	80,053	32,63,263
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	826	7	833	23,056	-	23,056
ASSAM	8,884	29	8,913	5,74,305	15,253	5,89,558
BIHAR	11,354	151	11,505	10,13,852	24,901	10,38,753
CHANDIGARH	3,084	15	3,099	7,82,609	5,999	7,88,608
CHHATTISGARH	12,122	49	12,171	12,79,634	50,860	13,30,494
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	104	-	104	38,270	-	38,270
DAMAN & DIU	1,538	-	1,538	4,54,785	-	4,54,785
DELHI	58,361	207	58,568	1,34,00,294	5,72,256	1,39,72,550
GOA	4,502	13	4,515	11,77,475	12,011	11,89,486
GUJARAT	79,725	238	79,963	1,26,46,642	2,80,609	1,29,27,251
HARYANA	44,399	172	44,571	1,20,51,348	3,40,302	1,23,91,650
HIMACHAL PRADESH	9,869	91	9,960	11,34,512	31,140	11,65,652
JHARKHAND	16,751	173	16,924	16,00,339	2,11,349	18,11,688
KARNATAKA	65,351	200	65,551	1,80,44,940	21,16,094	2,01,61,034
KERALA	25,639	75	25,714	25,97,957	38,086	26,36,043
LAKSHADWEEP	14	-	14	78	-	78
MADHYA PRADESH	31,422	70	31,492	37,56,907	81,701	38,38,608
MAHARASHTRA	1,41,912	998	1,42,910	3,18,65,212	22,62,575	3,41,27,787
MANIPUR	673	4	677	23,256	67	23,323
MEGHALAYA	806	2	808	69,220	12,648	81,868
MIZORAM	199	-	199	6,928	-	6,928
NAGALAND	522	-	522	14,733	-	14,733
ODISHA	22,272	111	22,383	25,45,172	84,417	26,29,589
PUDUCHERRY	2,328	1	2,329	4,32,353	1,308	4,33,661
PUNJAB	39,344	96	39,440	47,77,366	69,723	48,47,089

RAJASTHAN	32,958	236	33,194	41,01,569	1,71,887	42,73,456
SIKKIM	412	4	416	49,989	44	50,033
TAMIL NADU	1,01,693	347	1,02,040	2,00,11,821	5,67,087	2,05,78,908
TELANGANA	42,571	95	42,666	89,37,327	4,56,120	93,93,447
TRIPURA	1,113	-	1,113	78,250	-	78,250
UTTAR PRADESH	64,160	263	64,423	69,80,141	2,62,811	72,42,952
UTTARAKHAND	8,445	52	8,497	21,94,552	79,624	22,74,176
WEST BENGAL	51,029	613	51,642	70,93,116	6,13,310	77,06,426
TOTAL	9,21,932	4,365	9,26,297	16,29,71,740	84,42,241	17,14,13,981

**\*UEX – UNEXEMPTED**

**\*\* EX – EXEMPTED**

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**Annex referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3007 by Shri P. Kumar for 05.12.2016 regarding Gap between PF Accounts and Contribution.**

**Average contributing members as on 31.03.2016 (State/UT-wise)**

<b>State</b>	<b>Contributing Members</b>
Andhra Pradesh (including Telangana)	32,92,532
Bihar	2,88,521
Chhattisgarh	3,60,161
Delhi	24,92,295
Goa	1,64,211
Gujarat (includes Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli)	24,97,819
Haryana	19,12,951
Himachal Pradesh	2,59,115
Jharkhand	4,23,029
Karnataka	45,61,743
Kerala (including Lakshadweep)	10,07,328
Madhya Pradesh	9,03,547
Maharashtra	74,99,727
States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur & Mizoram (North-Eastern Region)	2,86,388
Odisha	6,77,821
Punjab (including Chandigarh)	9,88,938
Rajasthan	8,75,822
Tamil Nadu (including Puducherry)	45,27,430
Uttarakhand	4,75,648
Uttar Pradesh	16,44,800
West Bengal (including Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands)	24,82,614
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,76,22,440</b>

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