GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1449 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.3.2018

Pension for Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti Employees

1449. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the employees of KVS, NIOS, Tibetan School, Sainik Schools etc. are enjoying Government's Pension but the employees of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti are not allowed to switchover to GPF Scheme:
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide pension benefits to NVS employees; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (d): The option to switchover to the GPF Scheme was available only to the employees of those institutions which were in existence as on 1.1.1986. Since the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) was registered as a society only on 28.2.1986, the option of switchover to GPF scheme was not applicable to the employees of NVS. The employees of the NVS had been given the benefits of Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) scheme since its inception. The New Pension Scheme (NPS), which was introduced for the Central Government employees w.e.f. 1.1.2004, was made applicable to the regular employees of NVS w.e.f. 1.4.2009. Those employees who had joined NVS on regular basis before 1.4.2009 were given an option to continue with the existing CPF scheme or to join the NPS. The option was to be exercised by 3.11.2009. Those employees of NVS who have opted for and are covered under the NPS, are entitled to the benefits envisaged under this scheme. Thus, the teachers of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are already entitled to benefits of either the CPF scheme or the NPS scheme having regard to the option exercised by them.