GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 967
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018
SLOWDOWN IN THE GROWTH OF EMPLOYMENT

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the one year series of enrolment numbers released so far, the Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) revised down numbers for two of 12 months in the latest set of data released recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the enrolment number for September, 2017 was revised down by 11.9 percent to 4.25 lakh which is about 26 percent lower than the first number released for September and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the numbers for September-July were revised up by 4.2 percent to 64.27 lakh from its earlier estimate of 61.81 lakh released last month and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is true that for August, the enrolment numbers slowed down from previous month's number of 9.76 lakh, taking the cumulative net enrolment for September-August to 73.21 lakh and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d):   Since April, 2018, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been publishing the month-wise provisional net enrolment figures of its subscribers through its web portal epfindia.gov.in. The data are being released from   September, 2017 onwards.   The net new enrolment of Provident Fund (PF) subscribers from September, 2017 to September, 2018 has been 79,48,319 as per the latest payroll report published by EPFO on 20th November, 2018.

The EPFO data is based on the returns relating to subscribers filed by the Employer of the registered establishments from time to time as per the provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF & MP) Act, 1952 and the Schemes framed thereunder. The Scheme provides for continuous filing and, therefore, the data get rationalized/revised for every month based on filings.

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