

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 935
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

STATUS OF EPFO ACCOUNTS OF LABOURERS

†935. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the operative status of EPFO accounts of the labourers during the last one year;**
- (b) if so, the state-wise number and details of the accounts which have become inoperative;**
- (c) the number of labourers to whom the Government has provided relief through EPFO so far; and**
- (d) the types and details of relief provided?**

ANSWER

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): A statement showing the state-wise number of inoperative accounts as on 31.03.2020 is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): During the Covid-19 pandemic period, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and Atmanirbhar Bharat, Government of India contributed both 12% employees' share and 12% employers' share under Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), totaling 24% for the wage months of 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. Benefits amounting to Rs. 2567.22 Crore has been credited in the Aadhaar seeded UANs of 38.84 eligible EPF members and 2.63 Lakh eligible establishments.

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The statutory rate of contributions was reduced from 12% of wages to 10% of wages for three wage months from May, 2020 to July, 2020, as specified vide notification number S.O. 1513(E) dated the 18th May, 2020. The details of establishments and members availing benefits of reduced rates are as under:

Month	No. of Establishments	No of EPF members
May, 2020	124093	157.83 Lakh
June, 2020	138773	175.44 Lakh
July, 2020	141045	180.93 Lakh

Further, the Central Government inserted sub-paragraph (3) under paragraph 68L of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952 on 28th March 2020 for COVID Advance. Under this provision non-refundable withdrawal to the extent of the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or up to 75% of the amount standing to member's credit in the EPF account, whichever is less, is provided to beneficiaries.

The details of advances as on 31.01.2021 are as follows:

Type of advance/withdrawals	No. of claims settled in favour of members	Amount (Rs. In crores)
Unemployment Advance	42,201	141.96
Covid related advance	60,88,980	15,255.95

During the Covid-19 recovery phase, the Central Government has launched the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY) to incentivize employment generation in Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) registered establishments by payment of both employees' and employers' contributions i.e. 24% of wages in respect of new employees in establishments employing up to 1000 employees and employees EPF contributions i.e. 12% of wages in respect of new employees in establishments employing more than 1000 employees. As on 28.01.2021, the total number of beneficiaries (new employees) is 4.69 lakhs.

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 935 to be answered on 08.02.2021 raised by Shri Ramdas C. Tadas, Shri Manoj Tiwari, Shri Sangam Lal Gupta and Shri Chandra Prakash Joshi, Hon'ble Members of Parliament. regarding "Status of EPFO Accounts of Labourers".

Sl.No.	ZONE/STATE	Inoperative accounts as on 31.03.2020
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	22303
2	GUJARAT	56970
3	HARYANA	41015
4	KERALA AND LAKSHADWEEP	51589
5	ODISHA	23444
6	RAJASTHAN	20027
7	TELANGANA	46083
8	UTTAR PRADESH	51922
9	MAHARASHTRA	160413
10	JHARKHAND	14929
11	BIHAR	11358
12	UTTARAKHAND	14943
13	GOA	3735
14	KARNATAKA	75670
15	MADHYA PRADESH	28944
16	CHHATTISGARH	7986
17	ASSAM	7239
18	MEGHALAYA	1343
19	TRIPURA	1343
20	PUNJAB	20646
21	HIMACHAL PRADESH	8252
22	TAMIL NADU	149594
23	WEST BENGAL	82487
24	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	448
25	CHANDIGARH	12636
26	JAMMU KASHMIR AND LADAKH	0
27	DELHI	56932
28	PUDUCHERRY	5512
Total		977763
