

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5050
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026**

INOPERATIVE ACCOUNTS UNDER EPFO

5050. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

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

- (a) the details of total number of inoperative accounts under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) identified for automatic refund;**
- (b) the details of the total accumulated balance lying in such inoperative accounts, as on date;**
- (c) whether the interest on balance in the said accounts continues to accrue and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of projected timeline for completion of refunds, including phase-wise targets and monthly disbursement estimates under the said initiative?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a): A total of 1.33 lakh accounts have been identified for auto-initiation of claims in a phased manner. These claims will be settled by the respective Regional Offices following due procedure.

(b): Rs. 5.68 crore.

(c): No interest is accrued on balance in the said accounts.

(d): In the first phase, the payments shall be auto initiated for inoperative accounts which are Aadhaar and Bank verified and have balances up to ₹1,000 after confirmation of the bank account being active.
