GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 129 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015

PENDING DISPOSAL CASES UNDER PF APPELLATE AUTHORITY

†129. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

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

- (a)whether the rate of disposal of Provident Fund (PF) cases is very slow on account of insufficient number of Regional Provident Fund Appellate Authority;
- (b)if so, the total number of cases referred to the said authority for disposal during each of the last three years and the current year along with the number of such cases lying pending during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c)whether the Government proposes to set up more regional benches of the said authority; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There is a provision of an Employees' Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal under Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act (EPF & MP), 1952. Only one Tribunal has been working at Delhi till date. One Bench of the Tribunal has been constituted at Bangaluru w.e.f. 7.11.2014 in respect of establishments situated within the territories of the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Goa, and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Puducherry.

The total number of cases filed before the Tribunal during the last three years including current year is given below:-

 2012
 :
 1030

 2013
 :
 884

 2014
 :
 1384

2015 : 1348 (as on 23/11/2015)

The total number of pending cases before the Tribunal during the last three years including current year State/UT wise is at Annex.

- (c): At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
- (d): Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.129 for reply on 30.11.2015 by Shri Ram Charan Bohra regarding Pending disposal cases under PF Appellate Authority

State	2012	2013	2014	2015
Andhra Pradesh	35	27	35	38
& Telangana				
North East States	1	2	1	2
Bihar	8	9	10	15
Delhi	16	30	80	119
Gujarat	44	17	28	28
Karnataka	43	55	90	131
Kerala	109	81	142	167
Madhya Pradesh	53	35	46	46
Maharashtra	56	52	111	172
Odisha	14	2	15	22
Punjab	43	18	31	60
Rajasthan	22	14	16	44
Tamilnadu	108	96	160	205
Uttar Pradesh	28	38	41	40
West Bengal	20	4	52	77
Haryana	10	23	26	28
Himachal	3	4	4	19
Pradesh				
Jharkhand	1	2	1	4
Chhattisgarh	5	8	10	4
Goa	5	4	5	6
Uttrakhand	8	4	17	10
Total	632	525	921	1237
