

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2302
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015**

NUMBER OF PF ACCOUNTS

†2302. SHRI LADU KISHORE SWAIN:

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

- (a) whether there is a wide gap between the number of Provident Fund (PF) accounts and members contributing every month and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the total number of PF accounts being handled by Employee's Provident Fund Organisation along with active and dormant account for which contributions are not received; and**
- (c) the number of members whose contributions are continuously received through their employers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Out of 15.84 crore Provident Fund (PF) accounts registered under Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), contributions have been received in respect of 3.61 crore members (on an average). Reasons for this wide gap include:-

- (i) The members after switching over from one covered establishment to another, especially, those employed in seasonal establishments and contract workers, do not withdraw or get their balance transferred to the new PF account resulting in multiple accounts.**
- (ii) It is not statutorily mandated for members to withdraw the accumulations after they are no longer in employment.**

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There are no dormant accounts in Employees' Provident Fund (EPF). However, as per para 72(6) of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme 1952, certain accounts are classified as 'Inoperative Accounts' in which contributions have not been received for 36 months continuously. All such Inoperative Accounts have, however, definite claimants.

(c): The total number of PF members whose contributions have been received during the last three years is as under:-

2013-14:	3.26 crore
2014-15:	3.49 crore
2015-16:	3.61 crore

(April-November)

Details of 3.61 crore PF Members, State/UT-wise, for 2015-16 are at Annex.

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2302 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015 BY SHRI LADU KISHORE SWAIN REGARDING NUMBER OF PF ACCOUNTS.

Average of Contributing PF Members (April-November, 2015)

Sl. No.	STATE	CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	10,606
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	8,44,228
3	ASSAM	2,12,859
4	BIHAR	2,73,154
5	CHANDIGARH	3,50,431
6	CHHATTISGARH	3,41,078
7	DELHI	23,91,762
8	GOA	1,56,543
9	GUJARAT	24,12,906
10	HARYANA	18,42,453
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	2,51,103
12	JHARKHAND	3,99,465
13	KARNATAKA	44,10,138
14	KERALA	9,63,975
15	MADHYA PRADESH	8,55,375
16	MAHARASHTRA	72,11,059
17	MEGHALAYA	28,637
18	ODISHA	6,28,955
19	PUDUCHERRY	92,747
20	PUNJAB	6,02,897
21	RAJASTHAN	8,44,636
22	SIKKIM	1,56,589
23	TAMIL NADU	42,81,105
24	TELANGANA	23,05,861
25	TRIPURA	28,388
26	UTTAR PRADESH	15,75,530
27	UTTARAKHAND	4,50,072
28	WEST BENGAL	22,08,285
Grand Total		3,61,30,837
