

**Demand for Minimum Pension**

879. SHRI R.C. SINGH :

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that various central trade unions and employees associations have put forward a demand to make minimum pension to the tune of Rs. 2000 per month in view of the sky rocketing price-rise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) had considered the demand and took any decision in this regard; and

(d) likely time-frame by when the enhanced pension would be disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) and (b) Pensioners, Trade Unions and Employees' and Pensioners' Associations have been representing that the minimum pension be increased by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

(c) The demands have been considered by the Expert Committee constituted by the Central Government and its recommendations are under active consideration.

(d) In view of reply to part (c) above, the question of the likely time frame for disbursement of pension does not arise.

**Unemployed Persons in the Country**

880. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN :

SHRI R.C. SINGH :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that number of unemployed persons, both educated and uneducated have touched a new record figure recently in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of both the categories during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the posts falling vacant in various Government Departments/Ministries are not being filled up;

(d) if so, the details of such posts that fell vacant during the same period and posts not filled up in the same period;

(e) whether Government has finalized any plan to fill up all the vacant posts in near future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) As per the latest information available, educated and uneducated job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in country as on 31st December during 2007, 2008 and 2009 are given below :

(in lakhs)

Year	Educated	Uneducated	Total
2007	306.50	93.24	399.74
2008	292.54	98.61	391.15
2009	291.75	89.77	381.52

(b) The State-wise details of both educated and uneducated categories during the last three years 2007, 2008 and 2009 are at given in Statement (see below).

(c) and (d) As per the latest information available, the estimated number of vacant posts of regular Central Government Civilian employees as on 1st March, 2010 is 5,33,936.

(e) and (f) All Ministries/Departments are required to review their vacancies vis-a-vis the work load regularly and take necessary steps in the light of such reviews. There is provision for filling up vacancies by Government Departments as per their requirements subject to extant guidelines and rules on the matter.

**Statement**

*State-wise number of educated and uneducated job-seekers (men & women) registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country as on 31st December 2007 to 2009.*

(in thousands)

State/UT	Educated			Uneducated		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	1559.0	1399.6	1450.3	790.9	789.4	551.4
Arunachal Pradesh	3.1	17.4	17.5	29.1	15.7	18.5
Assam	1277.4	1320.7	1493.5	660.9	693.2	222.9
Bihar	990.7	915.6	694.1	318.9	8.6	129.2
Chhattisgarh	967.8	1026.9	1143.5	129.9	202.8	215.7
Delhi	385.3	381.5	449.4	66.2	125.4	11.4
Goa	86.2	85.7	101.7	15.1	14.2	1.1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gujarat	714.6	759.3	832.7	94.2	87.0	72.8
Haryana	820.4	752.3	772.9	183.8	172.0	186.0
Himachal Pradesh	708.7	708.7	708.7	66.7	100.5	93.4
Jammu and Kashmir	79.2	77.0	77.0	27.7	12.2	244.6
Jharkhand	839.0	755.1	461.9	273.2	248.7	162.9
Karnataka	632.3	437.4	381.5	327.3	212.4	201.7
Kerala	3414.7	3575.6	3740.6	634.5	584.7	616.3
Madhya Pradesh	1475.0	1513.2	1555.8	365.6	405.5	380.5
Maharashtra	2724.2	2338.2	2230.0	642.3	816.2	778.3
Manipur	368.8	411.3	423.8	228.2	226.9	244.7
Meghalaya	21.5	20.1	23.3	9.8	9.4	11.3
Mizoram	15.4	29.3	31.9	33.9	25.6	20.2
Nagaland	26.7	27.6	31.4	19.3	21.1	22.3
Orissa	673.4	696.4	749.3	145.7	120.3	99.3
Punjab	317.4	292.0	242.2	117.9	112.6	146.6
Rajasthan	702.4	726.0	691.5	171.1	150.7	125.9
Sikkim*						
Tamilnadu	4654.3	3453.3	3453.3	186.8	1819.3	2116.8
Tripura	212.7	254.6	202.4	229.9	196.7	281.6
Uttarakhand	402.8	428.1	429.8	77.6	60.5	57.6
Uttar Pradesh	3008.5	2890.4	1858.1	335.0	274.1	277.6
West Bengal	3308.0	3698.0	4649.0	3091.8	2301.3	1639.9
Andaman and Nicobar	20.1	23.2	23.3	20.1	17.6	17.0
Chandigarh	28.1	23.8	23.6	20.7	19.6	16.5\
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	4.8	5.4	61.1	1.7	2.6	2.1
Daman and Diu	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.9	5.7	7.9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lakshadweep	8.6	10.7	11.9	2.6	3.0	2.7
Puducherry	193.7	194.6	207.9	0.0	5.7	0.2
GRAND TOTAL	30649.6	29253.8	29174.8	9324.4	9861.1	8977.4

Note : *Figure may not tally due to rounding off.*

\* No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

### **Job Opportunities in Social Sector**

†881. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that organisation working in the social sector in the country are continuously increasing the job opportunities;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that job opportunities are not being increased in the corporate sector in comparison to these organisations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the rate of increase of job opportunities in social and corporate sector in the year 2011?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) and (b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. As per two most recent round of surveys, about 23.4 per cent and 25.3 percent of persons were estimates to employed in services sector. Against these estimates persons employed in social sector comprising education, health and social work and other community, social and personal service activity combined together were 6.0 per cent and 5.3 per cent, respectively during the corresponding period.

(c) and (d) As per data collected under Employment Market Information Programme of Directorate General of Employment & Training, employment in the organized sector, both public and private, increased from 26.4 million in 2004-05 to 28.7 million in 2009-10.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi