

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any external agency has studied the management practices of EPFO and suggested any improvements;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) and (b) Returns on Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) fund cannot be compared with return on other Pension Schemes like New Pension Scheme (NPS) because of difference in investment and accounting policies.

(c) to (e) A study has been entrusted to National Productivity Council for developing norms for opening of new offices of EPFO.

Delay in starting ESIC Medical College at Bhubneshwar

2902. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in starting the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Bhubaneswar Medical College and 500 bedded hospital when 15 crore have already been spent for Architects fees, statutory charges, construction of building wall, all clearance of Bhubaneswar Development Authority and Environment (BDAE); and

(b) whether Government will consider starting the 500 bedded hospital and medical college at Bhubaneswar immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) and (b) The location of the proposed Medical College, to be set up by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in Odisha, is under consideration of the Central Government.

Landless agricultural workers under RSBY and AABY

2903. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Census 2001, there were more than 10.67 crore landless agricultural workers, out of which about 5.73 crore were men and about 4.94 crore women and what are 2011 census statistics;