

The obstacles faced in settlement of claims *inter-alia* include:

- (i) Incomplete claims (no bank account number, incomplete employee details, etc.)
- (ii) Incorrect claims (wrong account number, incorrect personal details, etc.)
- (iii) Unattested claims
- (iv) Unsigned claims
- (v) Default by employer in terms of remittance/returns.

(d) and (e) As per the provisions contained in para 72(7) of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, all claims found in order are to be settled within 30 days. Employees of the covered establishments are guided through print media, seminar and training of the employers for submitting error free claims.

Instructions have been issued to field offices to monitor the status of settlement of claims in their region on regular basis and take corrective steps to settle the claims within the stipulated time-frame.

**EPF subscribers getting meagre pension of Rs. 1000**

2905. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Employees Provident Fund (EPF) pensioners are getting only a meager amount as pension well below Rs. 1000/- per mensem;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the EPF pensioners who are getting below Rs. 1000/- per mensem as pension; and

(c) whether Government will consider giving Rs. 1000/- as minimum pension to all EPF pensioners per mensem with retrospective effect from 1 April, 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of pensioners who are getting pension less than Rs. 1000/- per month is given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) A proposal to enhance the minimum pension under Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 to Rs.1000/- is under consideration of the Government.

***Statement***

*State-wise details of pensioners getting pension  
below Rs. 1000/- per month*

Sl. No.	State	No. of pensioners getting pension less than Rs. 1000 per month
1	Andhra Pradesh	3,08,120
2	Bihar	79,157
3	Chhattisgarh	31,880
4	Delhi	46,170
5	Goa	8,701
6	Gujarat	1,68,437
7	Haryana	48,840
8	Himachal Pradesh	12,204
9	Jharkhand	32,832
10	Karnataka	2,55,363
11	Kerala	2,20,553
12	Madhya Pradesh	1,03,586
13	Maharashtra	4,47,363
14	North Eastern Region	21,673
15	Orissa	57,505
16	Punjab	46,744
17	Rajasthan	69,466
18	Tamil Nadu	3,49,382
19	Uttaranchal	19,391
20	Uttar Pradesh	2,58,927
21	West Bengal	2,10,427
TOTAL :		27,96,721