

Amount under EPF Account

4605. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount under Employees' Pension Fund Account as on 1 July, 2012;
- (b) the details of interest earned from the above fund as on 1 July, 2012;
- (c) the reasons for Government planning to bring in FDI in Pension Fund; and
- (d) whether it is helpful to the contributors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) Total amount of fund (at face value of securities) lying in the Employees' Pension Fund account as on 01st July, 2012 is Rs. 165,395.02 crore.

- (b) Interest earned on the Employees' Pension Fund from 1st April, 2012 to 1st July, 2012 is Rs. 2289.94 crore.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
- (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) of the Question above.

Upgradation of vocational education in the country

†4606. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being taken by Government for upgradation of vocational education in the country;
- (b) the details of Vocational Training Institutes in various States/Union Territories including Rajasthan;
- (c) whether Government proposes to affiliate National Training Institutes/ Industrial Training Centres with National Council for Vocational Training;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.