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Tamil Nadu	2,92,004	2,04,476	87,528
Pondicherry	1,01,944	70,587	31,357
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	45,794	39,571	6,223
TOTAL	1,95,60,143	1,38,83,756	56,76,387

Enhancement of minimum monthly pension

414. SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the PF pensioners retired from public sector undertakings are getting pension as low as Rs. 12/-per month;

(b) whether there is any proposal, under the consideration of the Ministry to enhance the minimum monthly pension and link the same with inflation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe within which the same is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal to enhance minimum pension to Rs.1,000/- per month under Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 is under consideration of the Government. However, no time frame for implementation of the proposal can be given.

Further, there is no proposal to link the pension under EPS, 95 with inflation.

Funds to ITIs in Assam

415. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date-wise and amount-wise details of the funds provided under different heads for Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Assam during the last three years;

(b) the amount of funds utilized by the State Government and the names of banks where the balance amount has been deposited and since when;

(c) the amount accrued as interest, so far, on the amount deposited in various banks; and

(d) the details of the utilization of the amount if any, received as interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) to (d) Funds to Government ITIs in Assam were released for the purpose of modernization/Upgradation under two schemes namely (i) Vocational Training Improvement Project (VTIP) with World Bank Assistance, and (ii) Upgradation of 1396 Government ITIs through PPP.

400 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are being modernized/ upgraded under VTIP in 33 States/ UTs. 7 ITIs have been covered from the State of Assam. Details of funds released during last three years for upgradation of ITIs, total funds released and expenditure incurred in the State under the project is given in the Statement-I (*See below*). As per project design, central funds are released as Grant-in-Aid to the State Government. The cost sharing between Centre and state is 90:10.

Under the scheme of Upgradation of 1396 Government ITIs through PPP, funds were provided as interest free loan to 6 Institute Management Committees of Government ITIs of Assam during last three years, viz. 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 for the purpose of upgrading the ITIs. The fund released is repayable by the Institute Management Committees (IMCs) in 20 equal annual installments after a moratorium period 10 years. The break-up of funds released is as follows:

Year of release	Number of ITIs covered	Fund released as interest free loan Rs. in crore	Interest accrued Rs. in crore	Utilization Rs. in crore
2009-10	5	12.50	0.58	1.37
2010-11	—	-	-	-
2011-12	1	2.50	0.01	0
TOTAL	6	15.00	0.59	1.37

The Institute Management Committees (IMCs) of the ITIs have utilized Rs. 1.37 Crore out of Rs.15 crore released. The balance amount along with interest accrued is in the same bank account opened at the time of release of funds. The date-wise, amount-wise details of funds provided, fund utilized, name of the bank, balance amount, accrued interest is given in the Statement-II

Statement-I

Details of funds to ITIs in Assam during the last three years under Vocational Training Improvement Project (VTIP) with World Bank assistance

Sl. No	Name of the ITI/ Other Fund	Fund released by DGE & T (Rs. in lakh)	Financial Year	Date of release	Fund utilized (Rs. in lakh)	Name of the bank Branch name and place	Balance remaining (Rs. in lakh)	Interest earned (Rs. in lakh)	Interest utilized (Rs. in lakh)	Purposes for which Interest utilized
1	Dibrugarh	36.00 0 52.11	2010-11 2011-12 2012-13	30.03.2011 NIL 31.12.2012	The State Government has utilized an amount of Rs. 259.00 Lakh against the total of Rs. 636.20 Lakh	Not Applicable. As per Project design, central funds are released as Grants-in-aid to the State Government.	The unspent balance remaining with the State of Assam is Rs. 377.20 Lakh	Not applicable	as per project design.	
2	Jorhat	27.00 0 54.00	2010-11 2011-12 2012-13	03.09.2010 28.03.2011 20.03.2012						
3	Guwahati	40.00 0 32.40	2010-11 2011-12 2012-13	30.03.2011 NIL 31.12.2012						
4	Kokrajhar	42.00 0	2010-11 2011-12	30.03.2011 NIL						

		45.45	2012-13	31.12.2012
5	Diphu	40.00	2010-11	30.03.2011
		0	2011-12	NIL
		31.50	2012-13	31.12.2012
6	Srikona	38.00	2010-11	30.03.2011
		0	2011-12	NIL
		72.00	2012-13	31.12.2012
7	Nagaon	36.00	2010-11	30.03.2011
		0	2011-12	NIL
		57.15	2012-13	31.12.2012
8.	Other Fund*	20.62	2010-11	31.03.2011
		11.97	2011-12	30.09.2011
		0	2012-13	NIL
		636.20		

* Central funds were released to the State Government for procurement of Computer equipment for Management Information System (MIS) in 30 Government ITIs under NCVT.

Statement-II

Details of funds to ITIs in Assam during the last three years under the scheme of Upgradation of 1396 Government ITIs through PPP

Sl. No	Name of the ITI	Fund released by DGE & T (Rs. in lakh)	Financial Year	Date of release	Fund utilized (Rs. in lakh)	Name of the bank, Branch name and place	Balance remaining (Rs. in lakh)	Interest earned (Rs. in lakh)	Interest utilized (Rs. in lakh)	Details of utilization of the amount received as interest
1	Haflong	250.00	2009-10	03.12.2009	11.11	Union Bank of India, Ganeshguri, Guwahati	238.89	0.22	0.00	The balance amount along with interest accrued is in the same bank account opened at the time of release of funds.
2	Karimgunj	250.00	2009-10	03.12.2009	0.46	Union Bank of India, Karimgunj	249.54	0.47	0.00	
3	S.Salmara	250.00	2009-10	31.12.2009	105.38	Union Bank of India, Dhubri	144.62	15.01	0.00	
4	Golpara	250.00	2009-10	31.12.2009	Nil	Union Bank of India, Chandmari, Guwahati	250.00	24.21	0.00	
5	Bhergaon	250.00	2009-10	05.03.2010	19.61	Punjab National Bank, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati	230.39	17.98	0.00	
6	Silchar (Woman)	250.00	2011-12	23.03.2012	Nil	Union Bank of India, Tarapur, Silchar	250.00	1.37	0.00	
TOTAL		1500.00	-	-	13.656	-	1363.44	59.26	0.00	-

* No ITI was covered during 2010-11.