

**Construction of houses for Beedi workers in Tamil Nadu**

3016. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has come forward to allocate ₹ 60,000 each for the construction of new houses for Beedi workers in Tamil Nadu for which in the last three years ₹ 1.2 crores was allocated in the Tamil Nadu Budget;

(b) whether the Ministry would utilize these funds allocated by the Tamil Nadu Government and build houses for Beedi workers; and

(c) how much is the Central allocation for such houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Yes, Government of Tamil Nadu has allocated a sum of ₹ 1.2 crore for the construction of new houses for Beedi workers in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Yes, these funds may be utilized provided workers' contribution @ ₹ 5,000/- per beneficiary as per Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS), 2007 is received.

(c) As per Revised Integrated Housing Scheme, 2007, the Central Government provides housing subsidy @ ₹ 40,000/- per tenement in two installments.

**Number of EPF accounts**

3017. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts and the amount accumulated in their accounts as on 31st March, 2014;

(b) the number of EPF accounts not updated and the undistributed interest lying in Interest Suspense Account and the closing balance as per the consolidated Annual Accounts of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation till 31st March, 2014; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the EPF claims of the EPF subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Total number of EPF member accounts as on 31.03.2014 is ₹ 11.16 crore and the amount accumulated in their accounts is ₹ 2,95,094.78 crore (un-audited).

(b) Number of EPF accounts not updated as on 31.03.2014 is 75.56 lac. The