

also provided for professionals including doctors and lawyers having gross receipts up to rupees fifty lakh in a previous year.

Impact of cash transfers on economy

930. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cash transfers have directly improved the economic levels of India's poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how far it has raised economic efficiency and market distortions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) to (c) The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Schemes since its introduction into various schemes with the help of aadhaar seeded bank accounts of the beneficiaries have been helpful in better targeting of the beneficiaries by way of elimination of fake/duplicate/ghost beneficiaries as well as curbing pilferage. The DBT has also achieved process re-engineering of government schemes for simpler and faster flow of information and funds. Till date, a total of 74 schemes pertaining to Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored Sector and State Sector have been boarded on the DBT platform.

Increase in emoluments of Government employees on pay revision

931. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) what average increase (in percentage) did Government employees get when pay revision was introduced in 1996 and 2006;
- (b) what is the corresponding percentage proposed this time;
- (c) what is the logic for reported decrease in average percentage increase in emoluments; and
- (d) what is the ratio between the smallest pay and highest pay according to present revision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) The 7th Central Pay Commission has mentioned that while the real increase given in 1996 and 2006 in minimum pay was 31% and 54% respectively, the same is 14.29% based on its recommendations.

(c) The 7th Central Pay Commission has worked out its recommendations on pay based on all relevant factors having a bearing upon the prevailing circumstances and,