

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4082
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.04.2022**

EPFO INTEREST RATE

4082. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) interest rate since 2017, year-wise;**
- (b) whether EPFO is currently providing the lowest interest rate during the last four decades, if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Finance Ministry has written to the Ministry of Labour and Employment to reduce EPFO interest rates, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the amount of withdrawals done since 2017, year-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a): The details of rate of interest declared on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accumulations since the year 2017 are as under:

Year	Rate of Interest per annum (in per cent.)
2017-18	8.55
2018-19	8.65
2019-20	8.50
2020-21	8.50

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(b): As per the provisions of Paragraph 60(1) of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 1952, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is required to credit interest on the balance available in the accounts of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) members at such rate as may be determined by the Central Government in consultation with the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), EPF. The rate of interest on EPF is determined on the basis of estimated earnings for the concerned financial year on the total investment corpus in the EPF. The interest earned by the EPF also increases or decreases with a time lag in accordance with the interest rate prevailing in the economy. Further, in determining the rate of interest on EPF balances in each year, the Central Government shall satisfy itself that there is no overdrawal on the Interest Account as a result of the debit thereto of the interest credited to the accounts of members. The CBT, EPF has recommended 8.10 per cent. rate of interest on EPF for the financial year 2021-22, which is fairly higher than other comparable schemes viz. General Provident Fund(GPF)/Public Provident Fund (PPF).

(c): No, Sir.

(d): The details of the amount of Provident Fund (PF) withdrawals from the year 2017-18 to 2020-21 are as under:

Year	Amount of withdrawals (Rs. in crore)
2017-18	50,568.48
2018-19	61,558.83
2019-20	70,202.34
2020-21	91,187.54
