

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 891
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023**

PENSION SCHEME FOR TRADERS

891. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

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

- (a) the details of number of citizens who are registered under National Pension Scheme for traders and Self-Employed Persons;**
- (b) the details of budget allocated for the pension scheme;**
- (c) the total amount released by Government for the Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, and the actual amount spent thereon;**
- (d) whether Government is planning to introduce any pension scheme for the traders whose GST turnover is below ₹ 5 crore; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken by Government to inform the traders about the Scheme?**

ANSWER

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

(a): As on 30.12.2022, a total of 52,211 traders have been registered under National Pension Scheme for Traders and Self-Employed persons.

(b) & (c): The year wise details of budget allocated and actual expenditure under the scheme is as per annexure.

(d): There is no plan to introduce any pension scheme for the traders whose GST turnover is below Rs. 5.00 crore.

(e): The Government is mobilizing eligible beneficiaries through State Government machinery and Common Service Centres - Village Level Entrepreneurs (CSC-VLEs) in order to register them under the scheme. To inform the traders about the Scheme Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities, funds have been allocated to States/ UTs.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 891 part (b) & (c) for 09.02.2023 regarding “Pension Scheme for Traders” raised by Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal.

The year wise details of budget allocated and actual expenditure under the scheme (Rs. in Crores)			
Sl. No	Financial Year	Budget Allocated	Actual Expenditure
1.	2019-20	750.00	156.00
2.	2020-21	180.00	5.94
3.	2021-22	150.00	0.24
4.	2022-23	50.00	0.02
