## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

### LOK SABHA

### UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1358 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019

#### **MEMBERS AND PENSIONERS OF EPFO**

# †1358. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA: DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the number of active members and pensioners of EPFO at present;

- (b)whether the facilities of EPFO are proposed to be digitised;
- (c)if so, the details thereof along with the details of the benefits of digitisation to be accrued to the account holders; and
- (d)the number of pending EPF withdrawal cases and the steps taken by the Government for disposal of these cases along with the details thereof?

### ANSWER

# MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The number of active members under Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), at present, are 4,50,60,972 [Contributing Universal Account Numbers (UANs) of last three wage months viz. August, 2019 to October, 2019]. The number of pensioners are 65,95,575.

(b) to (c): EPFO has taken several initiatives for providing online facilities to the members for their nominations, ascertaining balances, settling claims and to file online claims by member. The members are now not required to approach the employer for their withdrawals. They can get the information on the balances directly in their login to member portal. They can file their nomination online. The pensioners and beneficiaries of the deceased members can also file directly their claims online. The pensioners can download their Pension Payment Order form DigiLocker. The employees who have not been enrolled by the employer or who do not want to share their Aadhaar can directly generate their UAN for EPF matters.

(d): The number of pending claims is dynamic in nature, which keeps on changing from month to month. However, out of the total number of claims received from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, 99.17% claims have been settled. EPFO has introduced online facilities for speedy settlement of claims and mandated to settle claims within 20 days.

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