

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1837
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022**

DETAILS OF PENSIONABLE MEMBERS IN EPFO

1837. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:

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

- (a) whether any new pension scheme is likely to be introduced by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for the employees whose salary is ₹ 15000/- or more pm;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details and total number of pensioner members in the EPFO Scheme currently;**
- (c) whether Government has the number and details of persons who are excluded as a result of EPFO amendment in 2014, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether Government agrees with Kerala High Court's order to allow higher pensions to higher contributions, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The total number of pensioners benefited under the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 during the year 2020-21 is 6919823.

(c): The wage ceiling for coverage under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 1952 was enhanced from Rs.6500/- to Rs.15000/- per month with effect from 01.09.2014 resulting in coverage of more employees under the ambit of EPF Scheme.

(d): The issue of granting higher pension under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 is sub-judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
