GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2824

TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2020

IMPLEMENTATION OF PMRPY

2824. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether there are irregularities found in implementation of job formalisation scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protashan Yojana (PMRPY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof since its implementation and the reasons and action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether provident fund is also misused in this, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon with corrective steps being taken in this regard, Statewise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Government of India had launched Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) with effect from 09.08.2016 with an aim at incentivizing the employers to recruit new employees and also to formalize employment. The scheme was for "new employees" for the first three years of their employment from the date of acquiring new Universal Account Number (UAN) on or after 01.04.2016, provided they continue in employment in any EPFO registered Establishment.

Based on the recommendations of the Concurrent Audit done internally by EPFO, a process of de-duplication was carried out with respect to beneficiaries under PMRPY and it was found that 79,342 establishments had availed benefit under PMRPY for a total of 7,62,013 ineligible member beneficiaries, amounting to a total of Rs. 285.27 crores approximately and an amount of Rs. 307.60 crores (including interest and damages) has been recovered from such employers till 23.01.2020.

(c): The recovery from establishments does not affect the PF benefits of the employees as their PF benefits have been deposited by the employers with EPFO. Only the subsidy which the employers have availed has been recovered from such employers due to ineligibility.
