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Title: Regarding increasing the monthly pension of EPF pension for better Medical Facilities for them.

**SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD):** Respected Sir, it has been a demand of the Employees Provident Fund pensioners numbering over 65 lakhs to increase the minimum monthly pension from the present amount of Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 9,000 including Dearness Allowance.

The demand of the EPF pensioners who had served the country in various roles, is genuine. The pension amount which is being paid to them is not sufficient even to meet their needs of a few days due to high inflation facing the country.

Sir, they are also not able to afford the medical expenses on this account. I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to enhance the monthly pension amount to Rs. 9,000 as well as to implement better medical facilities for them.

Thank you, Sir.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Those of you who want to associate, may send the slips mentioning their names.

Now, Shri Hanuman Beniwal-ji.