

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1884  
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EPF BENEFICIARIES  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of EPF beneficiaries in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the steps proposed to bring down the administrative costs of this organisation;
- (c) whether any cost benefit study has been done of this organisation and its diverse activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

- (a): The total number of beneficiaries in the country under the Employees` Provident Fund as on 31.03.2003 is 394.99 lakhs. The details are enclosed as Annexure.
- (b): The administrative cost is linked with the growth of business. However, the Organisation is conscious of containing the same to the barest minimum level. As a percentage of the corpus managed, the administrative expenditure was only 0.37% during 2002-2003. Further, the Employees` Provident Fund Organisation has undertaken a modernisation project, `Re-inventing EPF India`, which also addresses the issue of keeping Employees` Provident Fund operation cost efficient.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.