

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RE- INVENTING EPF INDIA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Re-inventing EPF India scheme;
- (b) the date when the said scheme was launched alongwith the head-wise details of expenditure incurred so far;
- (c) the details of contracts signed with each agency/organisation for implementation of the said scheme; and
- (d) the status of achievement of the fixed targets as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The modernization project `Re-inventing EPF, India` launched by Employees` Provident Fund Organization seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- (i) Establish a turn around time of 2 - 3 days between receipt of a claim from and issue of cheque.
- (ii) `Any Time Any Where` access for a member to service for settlement of claim or for information relating to account balance.
- (iii) Create a compelling environment for compliance and promote voluntary compliance.
- (iv) Create a facilitating environment and capacity for growth in membership.
- (v) Establish a nationally unique Social Security Number.

(b): The project was launched in June 2001.

An amount of approximately Rs. 40.84 crore has been incurred in relation to the `Re-inventing EPF, India` Project under budget head `Computerization`.

(c): The major contracts signed in relation to the project are as under:

- (i) M/s. Siemens Information System Ltd. - engaged as consultants to the Project and for software development.
- (ii) M/s. C.S. Software Enterprises Ltd. - for data collection of Social Security Number.
- (iii) M/s. Unit Trust of India Technology Services Ltd. - for outsourcing technology procurement, facilities management and SSN Card printing.

Apart from the above, supply, installation and maintenance contracts have been entered with software and hardware vendors.

(d): The trial run of the project has been launched at six pilot locations of EPFO viz. Hyderabad, Indore, Patna, Mangalore, Kota and Karnal on 7th December 2006.