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Title: Need to enhance the rate of EPF pension for retired employees of Public Sector Enterprises.

SHRI CHARLES DIAS (NOMINATED): The retired employees from the Public Enterprises are getting meagre sums as pension which are not sufficient for their healthy living. They are struggling for their livelihood at their old age as they cannot even afford medical expenses. While the Government has initiated welfare measures for its citizens, the retired employees from the Public Sector Enterprises are struggling to survive with their meagre pension.

Trade Union leaders and political leaders have raised this issue on different occasions. I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to enhance the present minimum pension at least to Rs. 2000/- and also to introduce a new pension scheme for them.