

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
(RAJYA SABHA)

Press Release

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

Petition praying for amendment in the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995.

The Committee on Petitions of the Rajya Sabha, under the Chairmanship of **Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, MP, Rajya Sabha**, is considering a petition praying for amendment in the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995. According to the petitioner, the scheme extends over an important segment of the work force but the returns under it are just insufficient for its members. The petitioner has prayed in his petition as follows:

- (i) Government should contribute @8.33% in the EPS-95 making equal contribution from the employee, the employer and the Government;
- (ii) Ensure minimum pension of Rs.3000 or more per month with necessary budgetary support;
- (iii) Workers should be allowed to choose from the pension plans;
- (iv) Restore all the facilities withdrawn by various Government orders like commutation, withdrawal, etc.;
- (vi) Under EPS-95, pension should be indexed with inflation; and
- (vii) The benefits under the scheme that have been withdrawn recently, may be restored.

2. The petition is available on the Rajya Sabha's website (www.rajyasabha.nic.in) under the link: *Committees* → *Standing Committees* → *Committee on Petitions* → *Petitions with the Committee*. A copy of petition may also be obtained through a written request addressed to **Assistant Director, Committee Section (Petitions), Room No. 537, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.**

3. The Committee has decided to undertake consultations with all stakeholders and invite written memoranda thereon. Those desirous of submitting memoranda to the Committee may send two copies (each in English and Hindi) thereof to **Shri R.P. Tiwari, Deputy Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House Annexe, New**

Delhi – 110 001 (Tel: 011-23035577(O), 23794328 (Telefax) and E-mail: rsc2pet@sansad.nic.in) latest by 15th April, 2013.

4. Comments/suggestions, etc. submitted to the Committee would form part of its record and would be treated as confidential. Any violation in this regard may attract breach of privilege of the Committee.

5. Those who are willing to appear before the Committee besides submitting written comments/suggestions may indicate so. However, the Committee's decision in this regard shall be final.
