

## ***When the Prime Minister became speechless.....***

The leaders of the Unions and Associations, which spearheaded the March to Parliament against PFRDA bill met the Prime Minister, Shri Manmohan Singh. The meeting took place at 1230 hrs, in the Parliament today the 25.11.2011. The delegation was led by Com. Basudev Acharya, MP and Com. Tapan Sen, MP. Others who participated in the delegation are, Com. Sukomal Sen (AISGEF), Com. Shiv Gopal Mishra (AIRF), Com. S.K. Vyas & Com. K.K.N. Kutty (Confederation), Com. P. Abhimanyu (BSNLEU), Com. Pathak (AIDF), Com. K. Rajendran (STFI).

The leaders told the Prime Minister that the employees are very much worried about the introduction of the PFRDA bill. The Prime Minister replied that the employees can get more returns as pension, once the PFRDA comes into effect. In reply to the Prime Minister, the leaders told how the entire pension fund got vanished in many European Countries due to the economic crisis where pension reforms are introduced. The leaders further told the Prime Minister that there is no guarantee for a minimum pension in the New Pension Scheme. Com. Tapan Sen, MP, told the Prime Minister that even the unanimous recommendations of the Standing Committee on the subject were not incorporated in the PFRDA bill. The Prime Minister virtually could not give any reply to the points raised by the leaders. In fact he became speechless. He could only say that all the points raised would be looked into.

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