

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INSURANCE FOR WORKERS IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide insurance cover to all the workers engaged in unorganised sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made about the workers in the unorganised sector;
- (d) if so, whether any time frame has been fixed for providing this facility to the workers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): According to the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in the year 1999-2000, out of the total workforce of 397 million in the country, 369 million are in the unorganized sector. The Government has launched 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana-2001' in 50 identified districts to cover 10 lakh agricultural workers during the first phase of three years. The scheme envisages to provide life-cum-accident insurance, money back, pension and superannuation benefits. In addition to this, Janshree Bima Yojana is in operation since 2000 to provide life insurance protection to the rural and urban poor persons including unorganized workers who are below and marginally above poverty line. The Group Insurance Scheme is also available for the beedi and cine workers covered under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund and Cine Workers' Welfare Fund.