

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ESI FACILITIES TO AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of male, female farmers and agricultural labourers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of medical facilities/services available to this community in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce separate medical facilities for them on the pattern of Employees State Insurance (ESI); and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to ensure fulfilment of medical need of this community?

Answer

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

- (a): As per Census 2001, the details of number of agricultural labourers (Male, Female) State-wise are annexed.
- (b) to (d): The Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission to provide basic health care delivery system in rural areas. The Government has also launched the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' (RSBY) for BPL families in Unorganised Sector on 1st October, 2007 for the unorganized sector worker's family of five which, inter-alia, include agricultural labourers. The scheme provides for smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30,000/- per family per annum on a family floater basis. Presently, there is no proposal to implement separate medical facility on the line of 'Employees State Insurance' for the agricultural labourers.