

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LABOUR CARDS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of labourers engaged in different sectors particularly agriculture sector having labour-cards at present in the country, State-wise and sector-wise;
- (b) whether the labourers are entitled to benefits of child education, pension, medical assistances, housing facilities etc.; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to cover all labourers under the scheme to provide certain benefits?

Answer

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

- (a): The Ministry of Labour and Employment is not operating any such scheme to provide labour cards to labours/agricultural labours.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise. However, the Government formally launched the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' on 01.10.2008 which provides for smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30,000/- to the BPL workers and their families (a unit of five). Under the "Aam Admi Bima Yojana", Rural Landless households between the age group of the 18 to 59 years are eligible for death and disability cover under the scheme. The scheme has component of awarding scholarship to two children of the beneficiaries studying in 9th to 12th standard @ Rs. 300/- per quarter per child. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme provides for old age pension to all citizens above the age of 65 years and living below the poverty line. The State Governments have been asked to top up Central Government per capita grant of Rs. 200/-.