

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

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COVERAGE OF RASHTRIYA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana;
- (b) the names of the States where the scheme is being currently implemented;
- (c) the time by which the said scheme is proposed to be extended to other States; and
- (d) the number of labourers working in the unorganised sector to whom smart cards have been issued alongwith the number of cards issued since its inception, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): The salient features of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana are as under:

- (i) All the BPL families in the unorganized sector to be covered in five years under the scheme starting from 2008-09, all the States opting for the scheme.
- (ii) Government of India to contribute 75% of the annual premium and State Governments to contribute 25%. In case of State in North East and Jammu and Kashmir, the premium will be shared in the ratio of 90:10. Administrative Cost to be borne by the State Governments.
- (iii) Cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30,000/- to a family of five through smart card.
- (iv) All pre-existing diseases to be covered.
- (v) Hospitalisation expenses, taking care of the most of the illnesses with as least exclusions as possible.
- (vi) Transportation cost of Rs. 100/- per visit with an overall limit of Rs.1000/- per annum.

(b) to (d): Till 22.10.2008, 18 States and one Union Territory have initiated the process to implement the scheme.Out of these 18 States, 12 States have started issuing smart cards. A statement indicating the number of beneficiaries and smart cards issued in 12 States is annexed.