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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR UNORGANISED LABOURERS /WORKERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the deteriorating condition including health of labourers/workers in the unorganised sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the scheme formulated by the Government to provide pension, social security, insurance, medical, health, of welfare and improve the condition of the unorganized labourers/workers;
- (c) the number of labourers/workers benefited/likely to be benefited from such schemes, State- wise and scheme-wise; and
- (d) the details of programmes/campaign conducted by the Government regarding awareness of such schemes among unorganised labourers/workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): In view of the absence of social security for most of the workers in the unorganized sector and recognizing the need thereof, the Government enacted the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008. The Act provides for constitution of National Social Security Board which shall recommend social security schemes viz life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection and any other benefit as may be determined by the Government for unorganized workers.

(b) & (c): There are various social security schemes being implemented by the Government through various Ministries/Departments.

With a view to providing smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs.30000/- to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector, the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' was launched on 1st October, 2007. The scheme became operational from 01.04.2008. All BPL families would be covered under the scheme. More than 1.27 BPL families have since been covered.

To provide death and disability cover to rural landless household between the age group of the 18 to 59 years, the Government launched the "Aam Admi Bima Yojana". As on 31.12.2009, 1.01 crore lives have been covered under the scheme.

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. All eligible persons would be covered under scheme.

(d): The concerned Ministries/Departments conduct awareness programmes/campaigns through print and electronic media and otherwise from time to time to generate awareness amongst the beneficiaries.