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RASHTRIYA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA

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

- (a) the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) launched for providing cashless health insurance cover to all Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the unorganized sector;
- (b) the number of smart cards issued alongwith the number of workers/families which got medical assistance under the RSBY since its inception, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated, released and utilised under RSBY since its inception, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has been able to achieve the objectives/targets of RSBY;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (f) whether a presentation about the RSBY was made at the World Bank Forum;
- (g) if so, the interest evinced by the World Bank and other countries regarding RSBY; and (h) the strategy, if any, chalked out by the Government for inclusion of more and more poor people under RSBY?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' was launched on 01.10.2007 to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30,000 per annum on a family floater basis to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. The scheme became operational w.e.f. 01.04.2008. The scheme is presently being implemented in 22 States/ Union Territories. The Government of Rajasthan has, however, stopped implementation of the scheme. More than 1.30 crore smart cards have since been issued under the scheme. A Statement showing the State-wise and Year-wise number of smart cards issued and number of workers /families got medical assistance under RSBY is annexed.

(c): During the year 2008-09, an amount of Rs. 250 crore was allocated for implementation of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY). Out of this, Rs. 101.65 crore was utilized. State-wise allocation is not made. Funds are released to State Governments as and when proposal are received from them.

(d) & (e): It was estimated to cover 1.2 crore BPL families by the end of current financial year. However, more than 1.2 crore BPL families have since been covered and smart card issued. It is estimated to cover about 1.8 crore BPL families by the end of the next financial year and all BPL families in the next four years.

(f) & (g): Yes, Madam. The World Bank has congratulated the Government on the growing success of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and has stated that the scheme is being seen as model of good design and implementation with important lessons for other programs. The World Bank has also stated that a number of countries have shown interest in the RSBY. However, no formal request has as yet been received from any other country by the Government.

(h) All BPL families would be covered under the scheme in a phased manner.