

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:334

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SMART CARDS TO BPL FAMILIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued Smart Cards under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the unorganised sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria adopted by the Government for selection of such families; and
- (d) the number of Smart Cards issued to unorganised workers/labourers since its inception, State-wise and year-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 334 FOR 27.07.2009 REGARDING SMART CARDS TO BPL FAMILIES.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' was launched on 1st October, 2007 for providing a smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000/- per annum to BPL families in the unorganised sector. The scheme has become operational from 01.04.2008. The salient features of the scheme are as under :

- (i) Smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30,000/- for a BPL family of five.
- (ii) All pre-existing diseases to be covered
- (iii) Hospitalisation expenses, taking care of most of the illnesses, including maternity benefit.
- (iv) Transportation cost of Rs. 100/- per visit within an overall limit of Rs. 1000/- per annum.

(c): The criteria adopted for selection of such families is inclusion in the BPL list maintained by the State Government.

(d): A State-wise statement relating to the number of smart cards issued to BPL families under RSBY since inception is annexed.