

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR RUBBER TAPPERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Personnel Accident Insurance Scheme for the rubber tappers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details regarding rubber tappers benefited under the scheme including the amount spent for the scheme, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A Personal Accident Insurance Scheme (PAIS) was launched in 2004-05 by the Government for the growers of plantation sector including rubber, participating in the Price Stabilization Fund Scheme. The PAIS has since been modified to cover the plantation workers as well, which include rubber tappers also. The Modified Personal Accident Insurance Scheme envisages insurance coverage for the growers/workers and sharing of annual premium subsidy between the Government and growers/workers on 50:50 basis.

(c): Exclusive details regarding rubber tappers who have been benefited under the scheme is not available. However, so far, 962 workers of the rubber sector including rubber tappers from Kerala, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Goa and Tripura have been enrolled under the Scheme, involving a total amount of Rs.8399/-.