

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH INSURANCE COVER TO MGNREGS WORKERS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the beneficiaries of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been provided health insurance cover;
- (b) if so, the details of such beneficiaries in each State of the country since inception of this scheme alongwith the nature of diseases caused by working under MGNREGS; and
- (c) the number of workers who have been benefited under MGNREGS in each district of Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) to (c): At present, unorganized sector workers of BPL category and their family members are eligible to be covered under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a health insurance scheme run by Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE). The Hon'ble Finance Minister while presenting General Budget 2010-2011 in Parliament, proposed to extend RSBY to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA beneficiaries who have worked for more than 15 days during preceding financial year. Ministry of Labour and Employment has accordingly moved a Cabinet Note in this regard on which comments of the Ministry of Rural Development have already been forwarded.