

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR MGNREGS BENEFICIARIES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is working on a road map to cover the beneficiaries of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) under its health insurance scheme for the families below the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the State Governments have agreed for the same?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Unorganized sector workers of BPL category and their family members are eligible to be covered under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a health insurance scheme run by Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE). At present, RSBY is in operation in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Nagaland, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Jharkhand.