

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INSURANCE COVER FOR NREGA BENEFICIARIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NREGA workers/beneficiaries covered under Janashree Bima Yojana (JBY) so far, State-wise and the benefits being provided to them thereunder;
- (b) whether proposals have also been received by the Government to provide health insurance to these workers/beneficiaries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Janashree Bima Yojana (JBY) has been made operational in Andhra Pradesh and around 8 lakh workers have been covered under the scheme in the State. The benefits available under the scheme are as under:

- (i) An insurance cover of Rs. 30,000/- in case of natural death;
- (ii) A maximum of Rs. 75,000/- in case of death or permanent total disability due to accident; and maximum of Rs. 37,500/- for partial disability due to accident.
- (iii) A scholarship of Rs. 300/- per quarter per child to the children of parents covered under the scheme from 9th to 12th Standard under the Shiksha Sahyog Yojana. The benefit is restricted to two children.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. No such proposals have been received in the Ministry from the State Governments. However, 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 MOLE. At present, RSBY is in operation in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Nagaland, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Jharkhand.