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

- (a) the number of needy persons alongwith the number of States and districts issued Smart Cards under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) through which they get financial assistance for treatment of their illness;
- (b) the date on which it was implemented and the target fixed for total coverage of the needy people under the scheme;
- (c) whether this scheme is lagging far behind from its fixed target; and
- (d) the number of people benefited therefrom so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana was launched on 01.10.2007 to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs.30000 per annum to BPL families (a unit of five) in unorganized sector. The scheme became operational from 01.04.2008. Till 30.11.2010, smart cards have been issued to 2.18 crore families in 24 States/Union Territories, covering 304 districts.

No financial assistance is given directly to the beneficiary for treatment. Under the scheme, the premium is paid to the selected insurance company through the State Nodal Agency of the State. The premium is shared between Centre and State government in the ratio of 75:25. In case of States of North East region and Jammu and Kashmir, the ratio is 90:10.

The scheme is voluntary as the beneficiary has to contribute registration fee. Hence, only annual estimates have been worked out.

(d): The number of beneficiaries that have availed hospital facilities upto 30.11.2010 is 10,93,275.