

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SMART CARDS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the people receive financial assistance for their treatment through the smart card issued under the National Health Insurance Scheme;
- (b) if so, the number of such needy people, State-wise including Rajasthan and the names of district in the State in which smart cards have been issued alongwith the number of smart cards issued in Pali and Jodhpur district;
- (c) since when this scheme is being implemented and the number of people covered aimed to be covered under the scheme; and
- (d) whether this scheme is lagging far behind from its targets?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (d): Under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000 per annum on a family floater basis is provided to BPL families( a unit of five) in the unorganised sector. More than 2.54 crore BPL families have been covered as on 30.11.2011. Rajasthan had initially participated in the scheme, but lateron discontinued. However, the State Government has initiated the process for extension of RSBY to MNREGA, street vendors, domestic workers and beedi workers. Statement showing the State-wise number of smart cards issued is annexed.

As per BPL survey, 2002, there are about 6 crore estimated BPL families ( a unit of five) in unorganised sector. The experience shows that only about 60% of BPL families become available for enrolment. As such about 3.6 crore BPL families are to be covered under the scheme. It is the endeavor of the Government to cover all such families by 2012-13.