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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) the number of needy persons alongwith the number of States and districts issued smart cards under the National Health Insurance Scheme through which they get financial assistance for treatment of their illness;
- (b) the date on which the said scheme was implemented and the target fixed for total coverage of the needy people under the scheme;
- (c) the funds provided under this scheme so far, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether the scheme is lagging behind from the fixed target; and
- (e) the number of people benefited therefrom so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e): The Government launched the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) for BPL families (a unit of five) in unorganized sector on 01.10.2007. The scheme providing for smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30,000/- per family per annum on a family floater basis became operational from 01.04.2008. More than 2.54 crore families have been covered under the scheme as on 30.11.2011. 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 endeavour of the government to cover all such families by 2012-13.

A statement showing State-wise number of smart cards issued and number of districts covered under RSBY is at Annexure-I. A Statement showing state-wise and year-wise funds released is at Annexure-II and state-wise number of beneficiaries is at Annexure-III.