

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SMART CARDS UNDER RSBY

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

- (a) the total number of families covered under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) who have been issued smart cards so far, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries utilising the smart cards for availing treatment services in the hospitals as on date, State-wise;
- (c) the total fund released and utilized for RSBY premium during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether some States have not started the said scheme; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the scheme will be implemented by all the States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a)&(b): The Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) 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 the unorganized sector. The scheme is presently being implemented in 24 States/Union Territories. More than 2.79 crore BPL families have been covered as on 29.02.2012. A Statement showing the State-wise number of smart cards issued under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) as on 29.02.2012 is at Annexure-1. As on 29.02.2012, more than 32.51 lakh persons have availed hospitalization facilities under RSBY. A Statement showing State-wise number of hospitalisation cases is at Annexure-II.

(c): Total central share of premium released under RSBY during last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	Amount ( Rs. in crore)
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2008-09	99.94
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2009-10	262.51
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2010-11	509.17
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2011-12 (upto 14.03.2012)	751.28
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(d)&(e): Puducherry Administration and State of Madhya Pradesh have taken initial steps for implementation of the scheme. Rajasthan had initially implemented the scheme but stopped after one year. It has once again initiated the process to implement the scheme. Goa and Tamilnadu had participated in the scheme but discontinued as they started their own scheme. State of Andhra Pradesh has so far not participated in RSBY as it has its own health insurance scheme, namely, Rajiv Gandhi Arogyashree Health Insurance Scheme. Respective States have to take a decision to implement the scheme. Hence, a specific time frame cannot be given for implementation by all the States.

