

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE FUND FOR UNORGANIZED SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a National Welfare Fund for the unorganised sector workers particularly to benefit the SC, ST, OBCs and other minorities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the view of the experts and industries in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (c): With a view to providing funding for social security schemes for unorganised workers, the Government announced setting up of the National Social Security Fund for Unorganised Sector Workers in the General Budget for 2010-11. The National Social Security Fund for unorganised sector workers has since been set up. This fund will support schemes for weavers, toddy tappers, rickshaw pullers, beedi workers etc. in unorganised sector, including those belonging to SC, ST, OBCs and other minorities in the country.