

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISTRIBUTION OF SMART CARDS TO BPL
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether distribution of smart cards to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) people in all States has been completed;
- (b) if so, the total number of cards issued so far, State-wise;
- (c) the number of pending cases, State-wise; and
- (d) the action being taken by the Government to complete distribution of smart cards to all BPL people in India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (d) As per Ministry of Labour & Employment, it has launched Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to provide smart card based cashless health insurance including maternity benefit, cover of Rs.30,000 per annum on family floater basis to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. The scheme became operational from 1.4.2008. As on 20.2.2013, RSBY is being implemented in 28 States/UT, namely Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Pondicherry and Chandigarh Administration. As on 20.2.2013 more than 3.41 crore smart cards has been issued in 28 States/ UTs (Details are in Annexure). Under RSBY the premium is shared in the ratio of 75:25 between Center and State except in case of NER States and Jammu& Kashmir where it is in ratio of 90:10.