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NEW MODEL OF SOCIAL SECURITY COVER FOR UNORGANISED WORKERS

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

- (a)whether the Government plans to launch a new model of social security cover for the welfare of labourers of unorganized sectors in the country besides a new on-the-job training module to upgrade skills;
- (b)if so, the salient features of this model and manner in which the Government propose to implement this scheme along with the estimated cost of the scheme;
- (c)whether workers in unorganized sector continue to move from one place to another in search of better opportunities;
- (d)if so, the manner in which Government propose to help these workers and their families to access better health facilities; and
- (e)whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme for providing educational facilities to the children of workers/labourers employed in the unorganised sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): The Government has decided to take up registration of unorganised workers and issue of a portable and splitable universal family card for the unorganised workers through the State Governments. The card will be linked to the schemes for which the unorganised worker is eligible and covered. The Directorate General of Employment & Training, Ministry of Labour & Employment, has initiated a skills development and certification initiative for the purpose of skills up-gradation of workers in the construction sector based on the concept of Recognition of Prior Learning. Beneficiaries of the scheme will be the construction workers registered with State Labour Welfare Department. Expenses incurred towards training, assessment and wage compensation of the workers would be met from the Building and Other Construction Worker's (BOCWs) cess. The competencies of the workers will be assessed on pre-determined criteria & if required, skill gap training is also provided. The Main features of the scheme are:

1. The training providers will be reimbursed training cost at the rate of Rs. 27.50/- per hour per persons and it will increase by Rs. 2.50/- from every financial year started from 1st April.
 2. Training cost will be reimbursed by State Labour Welfare Board from BOCW's cess.
 3. Wage allowance at the rate of Rs. 35/- per hour per person to worker to compensate wages during training will be paid by Welfare Board from Cess.
- (c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Government has enacted the Unorganized Workers Social Security Act, 2008 to provide for social security and welfare of unorganized workers. The benefits under this Act are also available to migrant workers. The Government has launched Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to provide health insurance coverage for certain categories of unorganized workers which include migrant workers. The RSBY health insurance cards are portable and splitable and services will be available at origin and destination states if destination state is implementing RSBY.

(e): Government has already enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 on 4 August 2009, the act came into force on 1 April 2010. This Act provides free and compulsory elementary education for every child upto 8th standard. This Act applies to all including children of unorganised workers. Specific educational schemes implemented by Ministry of Labour and Employment are for children of Beddi, Iron Ore Manganese and Chrome, Limestone and Dolomite, CINE and MICA workers, whereby financial support is provided for education of children of these workers starting from class I to professional and degree courses. The Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana implemented by Department of Financial Services support education for 9th to 12th standard @ Rs.1200 per child per annum for two children of the insured person.