

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

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MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR CONTRACT WORKERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to compensate the contract labourers on retrenchment from job;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to bring the said labourers under the Medical Insurance Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (f) the number of the said labourers likely to be benefited therefrom?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No. Contract labourers are governed by Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970. There is no provision of retrenchment compensation to the contract labourers under the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970.

The benefits available to contract labourers have been provided under Section 12(2) of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 read with Rule 25 of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Central Rules, 1971.

(c) to (e): No. There is no such proposal since medical benefits to the eligible contract labourers are extended under the existing Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.

(f): No such data is centrally maintained in respect of the contract labourers who are also workmen.