

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

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RSBY SCHEME FOR BPL
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) scheme has become defunct in some States including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether lakhs of Below Poverty Line families are facing difficulties in availing of health care facilities due to discontinuation of the scheme in such States;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to resume the scheme and also expand the ambit of RSBY; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) to (e): No, Madam. The Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) is operational in the State of Bihar and as on date 61,02,774 families are covered under RSBY. The status quo on operations imposed by the Patna High Court vide Order dated 13.09.2013 has been rescinded by the Patna High Court on 21.04.2014 pursuant to which the Government of India has approved tenders in 38 districts of Bihar.