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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR PRIVATE WORKERS

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Accordingly to the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 2004-05, the total employment in both the organized and unorganized sector is 45.9 crore. Out of this, 43.3 crore were in the unorganized sector and 2.6 crore were in the organized sector.

The private sector workers in the organized sector are covered under the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act and the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948. Number of ESIC beneficiaries as on 31.03.2010 is 554.84 lakh and Number of beneficiaries of EPF is 587.96 lakh.

The Government has launched the Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY) to provide insurance against death and disability. More than 1.45 crore lives have been covered under AABY as on 31.07.2010. State-wise number of lives covered under AABY is as follows:

S.No..	Name of the State/Union Territories	Lives covered as on 31.07.2010
1.	Himachal Pradesh	5000
2.	Andhra Pradesh	61,68,797
3.	Maharashtra	9,85,927
4.	Gujarat	3,86,429
5.	Chandigarh	1,297
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	86,097
7.	Madhya Pradesh	13,64,232
8.	Bihar	18,02,559
9.	Jharkhand	37,546
10.	Karnataka	6,04,687
11.	Kerala	3,93,160
12.	Uttar Pradesh	18,69,176
13.	Chhatisgarh	3,33,870
14.	West Bengal	3,97,409
15.	Puducherry	1,48,452
	Total	1,45,84,638

Note: Lives have not been covered in remaining States/ Union Territories

The Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000 to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. More than 1.96 crore BPL families (a unit of five) have been covered under RSBY as on 31.10.2010. State-wise number of smart cards issued to BPL families under RSBY is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	2010-11 (upto 31.10.2010)
1.	Assam	1,48,346
2.	Bihar	39,69,312
3.	Chandigarh	4,913
4.	Chhattisgarh	8,24,710
5.	Delhi	2,18,055
6.	Goa	3,505
7.	Gujarat	11,74,007
8.	Haryana	6,53,354
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2,38,821
10.	Jharkhand	8,19,830
11.	Karnataka	1,49,953
12.	Kerala	15,08,427
13.	Maharashtra	15,45,093
14.	Manipur	6,910
15.	Meghalaya	41,135
16.	Mizoram	7,790
17.	Nagaland	33,739
18.	Orissa	4,33,079
19.	Punjab	1,56,395
20.	Tamil Nadu	1,49,520
21.	Tripura	2,58,402
22.	Uttar Pradesh	49,92,271
23.	Uttarakhand	1,47,694
24.	West Bengal	22,03,843
	Total	1,96,89,104

Note 1. Enrolment under RSBY started in Arunachal Pradesh from November, 2010.

2. Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Puducherry are in process of implementation of the scheme.

3. Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan have not implemented the RSBY as they have their own health insurance scheme.

Recognizing the need to providing social security to unorganized workers, the Government has enacted the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act 2008. The Act provides for constitution of National Social Security Board at the Central level and State Social Security Boards at the State level which shall recommend formulation of social security schemes for unorganized workers.

Various schemes/ programmes are being implemented by the Government for welfare of unorganised workers such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 which provides 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

The Government has constituted the Welfare Funds for some categories of workers like beedi, cine and non-coal mine workers in the unorganised sector. The Welfare Funds are utilized to provide for financing of measures to promote the welfare of workers including women workers engaged in these occupations. The welfare measures include health & medical care, insurance, housing, education, recreation, water supply, maternity benefits, etc.

The Minister of State for Labour and Employment Shri Harish Rawat gave this information in reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today.

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