

house, premium for group insurance scheme, assistance for education of children of beneficiaries, medical expenses, maternity benefits to female, etc.

Statement-I

Number of construction workers in metropolitan cities including Delhi as per Census, 2001.

Sl. No.	Name of the Metropolitan city	Number of construction workers
1.	Delhi	351249
2.	Mumbai*	98746
3.	Kolkata**	73194
4.	Chennai**	122838

* Information relates to Navi Mumbai, Kalyan, Dombivili, Ulhasnagar and Thane (Municipal Corporation)

** Information relates to Municipal Corporation only.

RSBY for BPL families in unorganized sector

3021. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:

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

(a) whether the World Bank has expressed interest in the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, a health insurance scheme for Below Poverty Line families in the unorganized sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the achievements made under the RSBY so far and whether the involvement of World Bank will have any further impact; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has congratulated the Government on the growing success of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSEY). In its letter dated 22.06.2009, the World Bank has also stated that the scheme is being seen as model of good design and implementation with important lessons for other programmes. The scheme is at various stages of implementation in most of the States in the country. Smart cards are being distributed in 22 States and so far more than 8 million BPL families have been covered. RSBY is a technology driven scheme as it is based on smart card which facilitates cashless transaction throughout the country in empanelled hospitals. The World Bank is providing technical assistance to the Government through consultants. It is also assisting in setting up of back-end data management and concurrent evaluation of the scheme.