

Extending Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana to domestic helps

2438. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to extend the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana to 47.5 lakh domestic helps across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government proposes to take action to cover more people especially in urban areas under this scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard to increase the number of beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) to (c) The Government has extended the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to domestic workers across the country. Under the scheme smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000 per annum is provided to a family of five on a family floater bases. The scheme has also been extended to building and other construction workers registered under the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1996, street vendors, beedi workers and MGNREGA workers who have worked for more than 15 days during the preceding financial year.

Medical facilities by ESIC

2439. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Medical Colleges, P.G. Institutes, Dental Colleges and Nursing Colleges were started by ESIC in the country for improvement of medical care, super specialist treatment and create Doctors, Paramedical staff to cater the needs of ESIC Hospitals; and
- (b) why Bhubaneswar Medical College of ESIC has not been started and 39 dispensaries' buildings have not been constructed whereas the land has already been allotted?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) Details of the ESIC Medical Institutions which have been commissioned so far with students pursuing post-graduate and under-graduate courses are as under:

1. ESI-Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science and Research - K.K. Nagar, Chennai
2. ESI-Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science and Research - Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore