

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

3. ESI-Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science and Research - Basaidarapur, New Delhi
4. ESI-Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science and Research - Joka, Kolkata
5. ESI-Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science and Research - Andheri (E), Mumbai
6. ESI-Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science and Research - Parel, Mumbai
7. ESIC - Dental College, Rohini, Delhi

(b) In respect of the proposed medical college and hospital of ESI Corporation in Bhubaneswar, Orissa work was about to start, however, due to local problem and location the same could not be taken up.

So far 35 locations have been identified by the State Government for dispensaries. Out of these land at 3 locations has been handed over by the State Government, construction is in progress at 2 locations and 1 location is encroached upon.

Job loss due to slowdown in global economy

2440. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of the slowdown in global economy there is a job loss in India; and
- (b) if so, the sector-wise details thereof and the preventive measures taken by Government to control the job loss in India?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) The Government has been continuously assessing the impact of global economic slowdown on employment situation in India since 2008. Labour Bureau has conducted twelve quarterly sample surveys in selected sectors namely textiles including apparels, leather, metals, automobiles, gems and jewellery, transport, IT/BPO and Handloom/Powerloom. The broad results of the surveys are given in Statement (See below).

The Government has taken various fiscal and monetary measures including three stimulus packages, implementation of the 'Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana' (wherein the insured worker and his family are entitled for 50% of wages upto a period of one year and medical benefits in the case of loss of Job), schemes such as Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, Aam Admi Bima Yojana, Indira Gandhi National Old Age pension Scheme, skill upgradation and vocational training programmes and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. These measures have broadly succeeded in mitigating the adverse impact of economic slowdown and protecting the interests of workers.