

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022**

SMART CARD TO LABOURERS

2149. DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of labourers in the unorganized sector in the country;**
- (b) the total number of smart cards issued to the labourers in the unorganized sector under the Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojana;**
- (c) whether in the absence of the smart cards, the labourers are unable to use the facilities of the schemes that Government has launched for their benefit; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which Government proposes to complete the process of issuing the smart cards to each one of the labourers from the unorganized sector and the details of the plan to complete the process with the deadline?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a): As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-18 carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, estimated 38 crore people are working as unorganised workers in the country.

(b) & (c): The Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojana has been subsumed in Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) which was launched on 23rd September, 2018. The AB-PMJAY provides an annual health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per eligible family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization corresponding to 1949 treatment procedures across 27 specialties. It is a completely cashless and paperless scheme. The beneficiary families under AB-PMJAY have been identified from Social Economic Caste Census

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(SECC) of 2011 basis 6 deprivation and 11 occupational criteria across rural and urban areas. As on 12.07.2022, a total of 18.47 crore individuals have been verified and provided with the Ayushman Cards. All eligible beneficiaries are entitled to free healthcare services under AB-PMJAY from the day of the implementation of the scheme in their State / UT. Beneficiaries can visit the empanelled hospitals to verify their eligibility and avail healthcare services. The empanelled hospitals subsequently raise pre-authorization requests for the treatment proposed to be given to the verified beneficiaries.

(d): Issuance of AB-PMJAY smart card is a continuous process based on the demand for services and eligibility criteria identified from the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) of 2011. However, Government is making all-out efforts to scale-up the issuance of Ayushman cards across the country.
