GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1854 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS FOR GIG AND PLATFORM WORKERS

1854. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a)whether it is a fact that there has been a delay in the implementation of provisions for gig and platform workers under the Code on Social Security 2020;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c)whether any other scheme exists for the social welfare of gig and platform workers for the time being; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof and if not, then by when will Government implement the provisions for social welfare of gig and platform workers?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Code on Social Security, 2020 is one of the four Labour Codes enacted by the Parliament. "Labour" is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and under the Labour Codes, rules are required to be framed by the Central Government as well as by the State Governments. As a step towards implementation of the Code on Social Security, 2020, the Central Government has pre-published the Code on Social Security (Central) Rules, 2020 and the Code on Social Security (Employee's Compensation) (Central) Rules, 2021 for public consultations. As per available information, 21 States/UTs have prepublished draft Rules under the said Code. The Code has not yet come into force. (c) & (d): The provisions relating to gig and platform workers have been introduced for the first time in the Code on Social Security, 2020. The Code envisages social security benefits through formulation of schemes for gig and platform workers and can be implemented through Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) which hitherto provides social security benefits to organised sector workers. A Social Security Fund has also been set up under the Code and one of the sources of fund, is contribution from aggregator between 1 to 2% of annual turnover of an aggregator subject to the limit of 5% of the amount paid or payable by an aggregator to such workers.

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