

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3764  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2025**

**SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES**

**3764. DR. PARMAR JASHVANTSINH SALAMSINH:  
SHRI NARHARI AMIN:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that social protection coverage in the country has doubled in the last five years;**
- (b) if so, details of the initiatives undertaken by Government to expand the coverage;**
- (c) the social protection coverage status in the country;**
- (d) details thereof along with the key highlights; and**
- (e) the State-wise saturation status of Central Government's social protection schemes?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

**(a) to (e): India's social protection coverage has doubled from 24.4% in 2021 to 48.8% in 2024, according to the International Labour Organization's (ILO) World Social Protection Report (WSPR) 2024-26. The report attributes this progress to key government initiatives, which have extended benefits such as health insurance, pension, and employment support to millions. The ILO's assessment of 48.8% does not account for in-kind benefits such as food security and housing support or state-administered welfare schemes.**

**In India, nearly 920 million people, or 65% of the population, are now covered by at least one form of social protection (in cash or in-kind), through central government schemes. Some key social security schemes and initiatives in this direction include Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi- Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) etc.**

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