

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2775  
ANSWERED ON 18/08/2025**

**WELFARE OF UNORGANIZED URBAN WORKERS**

**2775. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:**

**Will the Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government plans to develop a plan for an employment guarantee scheme for urban areas on the lines of MNREGA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government plans to announce interim measures to ensure social security for urban workers in the unorganized sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government plans to revise the poverty line in urban areas in the light of rising costs of living?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

- (a) & (b): No. However, the Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/programmes in the country. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes implemented by the Government of India is available at [https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes\\_programmes](https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes). Further, the Ministry of Labour & Employment has developed the National Career Service (NCS) portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including information on jobs from private and government sectors, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in](http://www.ncs.gov.in).
- (c) & (d): In order to provide old age protection to the workers of unorganised sector, the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) scheme was launched in February, 2019. This is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme. Under the scheme, a monthly assured pension of Rs. 3000/- is provided to the unorganised workers after attaining the age of 60 years. Eligible unorganised workers can self-enroll through visiting the portal [www.maandhan.in](http://www.maandhan.in).
- (e) As informed by NITI Aayog, in 2021 Government of India developed a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) framework to measure poverty. It is a comprehensive index that captures overlapping deprivations in dimensions such as health, education and standard of living. It measures both the share of people in poverty, and the degree to which they are deprived. The index is based on the internationally recognized measure of poverty, Global Multidimensional Poverty Index, published by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). It comprises of 12 indicators, out of which ten indicators are retained from the global MPI model and two additional indicators viz. Maternal Health and Bank Accounts are added in line with national priorities. This is the only methodology that is used presently to measure poverty. The second edition of the index was released in 2023.

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