

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2314
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/03/2026

PRAVASI BHARATIYA BIMA YOJANA

2314. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of policies issued under the Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana as on January 31, 2026;
- (b) the state-wise details of emigrant workers who are currently covered under the Yojana, as on January 31, 2026; and
- (c) the state-wise details of claims settled under the Yojana, as on January 31, 2026?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to c) Several measures and steps have been taken by the Government of India to ensure the well-being and protection of Indian workers overseas such as Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojna (PBBY). The Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana (PBBY) is a mandatory insurance scheme for all Emigration Check Required (ECR) category workers going to ECR countries. The scheme provides an insurance cover of INR 10 Lakhs in case of accidental death or permanent disability and other benefits at a nominal insurance premium of INR 275/- for two years or INR 375/- for three years validity. The Scheme, initially launched in 2003, has been amended in 2006, 2008 and 2017 with the overarching objective of expanding the benefits for emigrant workers. The revised PBBY, operational w.e.f. August 1, 2017, has made settlement of claims simpler for the benefit of our workers and is aimed at ensuring expeditious settlement of claims.

From 2006 up to October 2025, there are a total number of 85,36,398 beneficiaries under PBBY. Details of the number of PBBY beneficiaries covered during the last three years are at **Annexure-A**. The total number of claims settled till 31.10.2025 is 2,222.

The state-wise data of emigrant workers who have been issued Emigration Clearances from 2021 to 2025 is at **Annexure-B**.

Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana

Years	No. of Policies issued to Beneficiaries
2022-23	422650
2023-24	300233
2024-25	514525
2025-2026 (upto October 2025)	273288
Total	1510696

Annexure – B**No. of Emigration Clearances granted (2021-2025)**

State/Destination	BAH ARA IN	INDONESI A	IRAQ	JORDAN	KUWAIT	LEBANON	MALAYSI A	OMAN	QATAR	SAUDI ARABIA	SOUTH SUDAN	SUDAN	THAILAN D	UAE	GRAND TOTAL
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR			1	1	2		6	2	1	26				7	46
ANDHRA PRADESH	1778		805	42	50698		572	3156	6244	6707				6199	76201
ARUNACHAL PRADESH					7				1	9				6	23
ASSAM	90			6	5608	2	86	346	659	6465				892	14154
BIHAR	6996	3	2365	3487	11380	191	2943	21609	37018	120266	24			108386	314668
CHANDIGARH	41		7		240		61	68	73	249				275	1014
CHHATTISGARH	15		5	1	55		7	30	54	275				127	569
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI					3			1	2	4				5	15
DAMAN & DIU	1				9			3	17	17				61	108
DELHI	115		35	102	726	23	53	391	527	3551	1		3	1529	7056
GOA	39		2	1	1413		2	84	90	245				233	2109
GUJARAT	511		38	48	2519	14	96	2938	3258	4185	4			4387	17998
HARYANA	144		45	39	656	15	179	232	364	2472				2010	6156
HIMACHAL PRADESH	37		14	1	277	1	14	100	115	784				460	1803
JAMMU & KASHMIR	54		13		3497	7	58	201	1212	13693	1			1392	20128
JHARKHAND	535		143	127	993	1	1647	2090	1684	8000	1			5487	20708
KARNATAKA	469	1	41	104	3806		132	2783	3816	10824				4814	26790
KERALA	2684		62	56	7059	3	462	9951	8140	43016				5022	76455
LADAKH					5					1				1	7
LAKSHADWEEP	1								1	9				1	12
MADHYA PRADESH	69		7	11	1826	4	16	285	272	2220			1	672	5383

MAHARASHTRA	741	1	53	176	4318		95	2210	5843	10289			8	7115	30849
MANIPUR	2				5		2	4	6	139				4	162
MEGHALAYA					7			1	2	28				15	53
MIZORAM					1				2	2					5
NAGALAND					5		1	2	2	6				4	20
ODISHA	2102		333	461	2253	27	414	3423	5506	5262	5		1	9138	28925
PUDUCHERY	25				350		127	136	110	556				184	1488
PUNJAB	3400	1	192	169	5916	54	488	4579	8578	9043				2668	59105
RAJASTHAN	1756		278	75	16595	43	167	7810	12787	42270	1		2	41006	122790
SIKKIM					2				4	11				10	27
TAMIL NADU	2055	1	250	181	14587	7	15133	10660	8094	31292	1		1	17599	99861
TELANGANA	3552		190	352	4152		456	5644	5051	10290	4			17781	47472
TRIPURA	109		1	2	2438	1	426	111	183	1457				417	5145
UTTAR PRADESH	9249	6	1977	5516	61726	277	4350	39218	34917	316311	30	2		132176	605755
UTTARAKHAND	192	1	37	35	1571	3	191	965	669	9621			2	1735	15022
WEST BENGAL	2662	1	1095	396	12046	29	8672	7166	11523	56996	3			31923	132512
Grand Total	39424	15	7989	11389	216751	702	36856	126199	156825	716591	75	2	18	427758	1740594
