

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 736
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026**

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR WOMEN WORKERS

736. SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) the number of women gig and platform workers registered in the country, State-wise;**
- (b) the social security schemes and provisions currently applicable to women gig workers, including health insurance, accident cover, old-age protection and maternity benefits;**
- (c) whether any specific maternity benefit or paid leave provisions exist for women gig workers under the Code on Social Security, 2020 or any other scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the extent of coverage and benefits actually provided to women gig workers under such schemes so far, year-wise; and**
- (e) the gaps in social security coverage, particularly maternity support and income security, for women gig workers?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Labour and Employment had launched eShram portal on 26.08.2021 for creation of a comprehensive National Database of Unorganised Workers including platform workers, migrant workers etc. The eShram portal is meant to register and support the unorganised workers by providing them a Universal Account Number (UAN) on a self-declaration basis.

State-wise number of women platform workers registered on eShram portal is at Annexure-A. Details of women platform workers registered on eShram portal and enrolled under different social security schemes is at Annexure-B.

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For the first time, the definition of ‘gig workers’ and ‘platform workers’ and provisions related to the same have been provided in the Code on Social Security, 2020 which has come into force on 21.11.2025.

The Code provides for framing of suitable welfare schemes for gig workers and platform workers on matters relating to life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection, etc. The Code provides for setting up a Social Security Fund to finance these welfare schemes. The Code also have provisions to constitute a National Social Security Board for the purposes of the welfare of gig workers and platform workers.

Annexure-A**Annexure referred in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 736 for 05.02.2026 regarding “Social security for women workers”**

State-wise number of women platform workers registered on the eShram portal (as on 02.02.2026)

Sl.No.	State/UT	Registration Count
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	54
2	Andhra Pradesh	10,663
3	Arunachal Pradesh	249
4	Assam	9,773
5	Bihar	49,759
6	Chandigarh	169
7	Chhattisgarh	1,640
8	Delhi	4,690
9	Goa	112
10	Gujarat	7,524
11	Haryana	2,104
12	Himachal Pradesh	798
13	Jammu And Kashmir	880
14	Jharkhand	4,800
15	Karnataka	3,876
16	Kerala	1,060
17	Ladakh	12
18	Madhya Pradesh	9,684
19	Maharashtra	34,795
20	Manipur	377
21	Meghalaya	259
22	Mizoram	45
23	Nagaland	118
24	Odisha	3,735
25	Puducherry	57
26	Punjab	3,370
27	Rajasthan	9,698
28	Sikkim	80
29	Tamil Nadu	10,690
30	Telangana	1,994
31	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	52
32	Tripura	304
33	Uttar Pradesh	16,361
34	Uttarakhand	1,427
35	West Bengal	14,345

Annexure-B**Annexure referred in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 736 for 05.02.2026 regarding “Social security for women workers”**

Details of women platform workers registered on eShram portal and enrolled under different social security schemes as on 02.02.2026 is as under:

Sl.No.	Scheme	Enrollments
1	One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)	1,30,632
2	Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PMSVANidhi)	1,910
3	Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G).	16,873
4	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G)	3,301
5	Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS)	50
6	Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS)	477
7	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U)	1,367
8	Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)	10
9	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)	2,797
10	Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)	27,978
11	Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)	8,692
12	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)	5,184
13	Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandna Yojana (PMMVY)	3,632
