

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 399
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

EXPANSION OF ESI

399. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has any plan to provide ESI benefits to Aasha Workers, Auto Riksha Workers in the country; and

(b)if so, the details thereof including the time by which it is likely to come into effect?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): The pilot scheme to provide ESI benefits to Auto Rickshaw Drivers was launched in Delhi w.e.f. 01.04.2016 for a period of one year i.e. upto 31.03.2017. However, the response was poor. The ASHA workers are not coverable under ESI Scheme presently.
