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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 186

TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd February 2018/ Magha 13, 1939 (Saka)

Expansion of Health Insurances

186. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated size of population in the country which is getting the benefits of various health insurance schemes of the general insurance companies;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide the benefits of these health insurance schemes to more and more population of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)

- (a) to (c) As per Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), the total number of lives covered under any type of health insurance policy during the Financial Year 2016-17 were 43.75 crore. Further, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) is being implemented by Government of India for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and certain categories of unorganized sector workers, under which 3.58 crore persons are covered during the year 2017-18. Also, several states are implementing Government sponsored health insurance schemes for the BPL population. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has been carrying out a sustained campaign to create awareness about insurance, rights and duties of policyholders etc. through various media channels. With a view to improving people's understanding about insurance, IRDAI launched an exclusive consumer education website www.policyholder.gov.in
