

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022**

IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIFE AND WELFARE OF FARM LABOURERS

†*163. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government for improvement in the life and welfare of farm labourers;**
- (b) the details of the farm labourers benefited from the said schemes in Parbhani Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra including the plans of the Government for their upliftment;**
- (c) the details of the welfare schemes run by the Government particularly for rural and farm labourers;**
- (d) the funds allocated under the said schemes during the last three years and the current year, State and district-wise, particularly in Maharashtra; and**
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the needs of farm labourers in connection with proper education, living conditions and daily needs etc.?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 FOR 19.12.2022 REGARDING “IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIFE AND WELFARE OF FARM LABOURERS” RASIED BY SHRI SANJAY JADHAV

(a) to (e): As per the provisions of the Unorganised Workers’ Social Security Act (UWSS), 2008, the Government is committed to provide Social Security to all the workers of the unorganised sector including farm labourers by formulating suitable welfare schemes on the matters relating to: (i) life and disability cover; (ii) health and maternity benefits; (iii) old age protection; and (iv) any other benefit as may be determined by the Central Government.

The Life and Disability cover is provided through Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY). PMJJBY is available to the people in the age group of 18 to 50 years having a bank/post office account who give their consent to join/enable auto debit. Risk coverage under this scheme is for Rs. 2.00 lakh in case of death of insured, due to any reason, at an annual premium of Rs. 436/- which is to be auto-debited from the subscriber’s bank/post office account. Total cumulative enrollments under PMJJBY is 93,14,213 in state of Maharashtra till 30.11.2022. The Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) is also available to the people in the age group of 18 to 70 years with a bank/post office account who give their consent to join/enable auto debit. The risk coverage under the scheme is for Rs 2.00 lakh in case of accidental death or total permanent disability and Rs. 1.00 lakh for partial permanent disability; due to accident at a premium of Rs. 20 per annum which is to be deducted from the account holder’s bank/post office account through ‘auto-debit’. Total cumulative enrollments under PMSBY is 2,13,70,715 in state of Maharashtra till 30.11.2022.

The Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY) provides an annual health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per eligible family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization corresponding to 1949 treatment procedures across 27 specialties.

In order to provide old age social security cover, the Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) pension scheme in 2019. It provides monthly pension of Rs. 3000/- after attaining the age of 60 years. The workers in the age group of 18-40 years whose monthly income is Rs.15000/- or less and who are not a member of EPFO/ESIC/NPS (Govt. funded) can join the PM-SYM Scheme. Under this scheme 50% monthly contribution is payable by the beneficiary and equal matching contribution is paid by the Central Government. Under the scheme, the funds towards Government's contribution are provided to LIC being the fund manager. Under the scheme, the constituency wise data is not maintained, however, a total of 7416 unorganised workers including farm labourers have been enrolled in Prabhani district of Maharashtra.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment scheme which provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

Apart from above, other schemes such as Public Distribution System through One Nation One Ration Card scheme under National Food Security Act, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Gareeb Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan, Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana, Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana, PMSVANidhi, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) and etc. are also available for the unorganised workers including farm labourers depending upon their eligibility criteria.

These schemes are demand driven and accordingly the budget is allocated.

Further, the Government has launched e-Shram portal in August, 2021 with an objective to create National Database of Unorganised Workers and to facilitate delivery of Social Security Schemes/Welfare Schemes to the unorganised workers. As on 9.12.2022, more than 28.45 crore unorganised workers have been registered on e-Shram portal. The total count of unorganised workers including farm labourers registered on e-Shram portal is 1,69,639 in Prabhani district of Maharashtra till 13.12.2022.

The Right of Children to free and compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 mandates the appropriate Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education to every child of the age of 6-14 years in a neighborhood school.
