

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

SUICIDES BY DAILY WAGERS

***142. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that daily wagers are the largest group among those who have died by suicide during the last few years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases reported in the country during the last three years, year-wise;**
- (c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to protect the daily wage earners from suicides and to improve their livelihood;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO REPLY TO PART (a) & (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 142* FOR 13.02.2023 REGARDING “SUICIDES BY DAILY WAGERS” RAISED BY SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU.

(a) & (b): The profession-wise number of suicides committed by people in the country during 2019 to 2021 is given at Annexure as per latest published data till year 2021, received from National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

(c) &(d): As per the Unorganised Workers’ Social Security Act, 2008, the Government is mandated to provide Social Security to the workers of unorganised sector including daily wage workers by formulating suitable welfare schemes on 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. As on 31.12.2022, a total of 14.82 crore beneficiaries have been enrolled under the scheme.

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’. As on 31.12.2022, a total of 31.88 crore beneficiaries have been enrolled under the scheme.

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. As on 4th December, 2022, a total of 20.96 crore beneficiaries have been provided with the Ayushman Cards.

In order to provide old age protection, 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 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. As on 30.01.2023, a total of 49.25 lakh beneficiaries have been enrolled under the scheme.

Apart from above, other schemes such as Public Distribution System through One Nation One Ration Card scheme under National Food Security Act, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee 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 etc. are also available for the unorganised workers including labourers depending upon their eligibility criteria.

e-SHRAM portal was launched in August, 2021 with an objective to create National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) of the age group of 16-59 years to facilitate delivery of Social Security Schemes/Welfare Schemes of the Central and State Governments to the unorganized workers.

(e): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 142* FOR 13.02.2023 REGARDING “SUICIDES BY DAILY WAGERS” RAISED BY SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU.

| Profession-wise Number of Suicides committed by people in the country during 2019-2021 | | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sl.No | Profession | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| 1 | Housewife | 21359 | 22374 | 23179 |
| 2 | Professional/Salaried Persons (Total) | 12725 | 14825 | 15870 |
| 2.1 | Govt. Servants (Total) | 1684 | 2057 | 1898 |
| 2.1.1 | Central/UT Govt. Servants | 307 | 439 | 381 |
| 2.1.2 | State Govt. Servants | 968 | 1089 | 1131 |
| 2.1.3 | Other Statutory Body/etc. | 409 | 529 | 386 |
| 2.2 | Private Sector Enterprises | 8730 | 10166 | 11431 |
| 2.3 | Public Sector Undertaking | 2311 | 2602 | 2541 |
| 3 | Students | 10335 | 12526 | 13089 |
| 4 | Unemployed Persons | 14019 | 15652 | 13714 |
| 5 | Self-employed Persons (Total) | 16098 | 17332 | 20231 |
| 5.1 | Business (Total) | 9052 | 11716 | 12055 |
| 5.1.1 | Vendor | 3351 | 4226 | 4532 |
| 5.1.2 | Tradesmen | 2906 | 4356 | 3633 |
| 5.1.3 | Others | 2795 | 3134 | 3890 |
| 5.2 | Other Self-employed Persons | 7046 | 5616 | 8176 |
| 6 | Persons engaged in Farming Sector (Total) | 10281 | 10677 | 10881 |
| 6.1 | Farmers/Cultivators | 5957 | 5579 | 5318 |
| 6.2 | Agricultural Labourers | 4324 | 5098 | 5563 |
| 7 | Daily Wage Earner | 32563 | 37666 | 42004 |
| 8 | Retired Persons | 1302 | 1457 | 1518 |
| 9 | Other Persons | 20441 | 20543 | 23547 |
| | Total | 139123 | 153052 | 164033 |
