GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 530 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

BIMA YOJANA FOR UNORGANISED WORKERS

530. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a)whether the allocation to the Bima Yojana for unorganised workers, which was of Rs. 10 lakh in the last budget, has been stopped in the 2023-24 budget;
- (b)if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for stoppage of scheme;
- (c)the expenditure incurred on the scheme during the last five years, State-wise;
- (d)the details of allocations and expenditure towards Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), family pension-cum-life insurance scheme for plantation workers rehabilitation of bonded labour therein; and
- (e)the action taken/being taken by the Government towards pension scheme for unorganised workers namely Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi MaanDhan (PM-SYM) to ensure old age protection for unorganised workers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (c): Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana was converged with Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) with effect from 01-06-2017. However, there was a token allocation of Rs. 10 lakh in the BE for Bima Yojana for 2022-23 and in the last budget there is no allocation of fund.

In view of the above, the question of expenditure on the scheme does not arise.

(d): With the launch of Ayushman Bharat –Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) on 23.09.2018, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) got subsumed in it 22 lakhs beneficiary families belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and 11 other defined categories that were enrolled under RSBY, are now covered under AB-PMJAY. The Budget Estimate & fund utilized in respect of Central Sector Scheme for rehabilitation of Bonded Labour for the Financial Year 2023-24, upto (30.06.2023) are Rs 10 crore and Rs. 10.60 lakhs respectively. The Budget Estimate & fund utilized in respect of Plantation workers (for Assam only), are Rs. 60 crore and Rs. 15 crore respectively.

(e): The details of action taken by the Government towards enrolment of pension scheme for unorganised workers namely PM-SYM Yojana is as follows:

- i. Holding periodic review meeting with States/ UTs at Secretary and Joint Secretary & DGLW level
- ii. Regular Meeting with State Common Services Centre (CSC) Heads are also held to promote the enrolment drive for PM-SYM scheme
- iii. Launch of new features: Voluntary EXIT, Involuntary EXIT, Revival Module, Claim Status, and Account Statement
- iv. Extension of revival of dormant accounts from 1 Year to 3 Year
- v. Two-way integration of PM-SYM and e-Shram
- vi. SMS campaign to create awareness: To create awareness among eShram beneficiaries 7 crore SMS sent to eligible subscribers registered under eShram lying in the age group of 18-40 Years
- vii. Launch of extensive social media campaign
- viii. Celebration of Pension Week from 7th March to 13th March 2022
 - ix. Letter to Chief Secretaries of States regarding enrolment under PM-SYM scheme
 - x. Launch of Donate-a-Pension Module by Hon'ble LEM to encourage the employer to pay the premium of their staff under PM-SYM pension scheme and increase the enrolment.
 - xi. Meeting with DFS, PFRDA, NIPFP to increase the outreach of pension scheme

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