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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3020

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PMJD Yojana

3020. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present number of beneficiaries registered under the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan (PMJD) Yojana, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is true that the onset of the COVID19 pandemic has accelerated the need for providing income support; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering using information from MGNREGA, PM Ujjwala, PDS and local institutions such as the Panchayat to expand the reach of cash transfers to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) As informed by banks, as on 24.02.2021, 41.93 crore accounts have been opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY). State-wise number of accounts under PMJDY as on 24.02.2021 is at Annexure.

(b) & (c) The Government had announced a Rs. 1.70 Lakh Crore 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana' relief package on 26.03.2020 to combat the economic impact of COVID-19 on the poor and needy and to help them in the fight against Corona Virus. The salient features of the package were:

- (i) Comprehensive personal accident insurance cover of Rs. 50 lakh for health workers fighting COVID-19.

(ii) Additional allocation of food grain @ 5 kg per person and pulses @ 1 kg per family per month free of cost to all beneficiaries covered under the targeted public distribution system.

(iii) Front loading and payment in April, 2020 itself of the first instalment of Rs 2,000 due in 2020-21 to about 8.7 crore farmers under the PM KISAN Yojana.

(iv) An ex-gratia of Rs 500 per month for three months to 20.40 crore (approx) women PMJDY account-holders and release of Rs.1000/- to around 3 crore aged widows and persons in Divyang category.

(v) Free of cost LPG cylinders to 8 crore beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.

(vi) Providing 24% of the monthly wages into PF accounts of wage-earners earning below Rs. 15,000 per month, in businesses with less than 100 workers, for three months to prevent disruption in employment.

(vii) Increasing (i) MNREGA wages by Rs. 20 w.e.f 01.04.2020 and (ii) Limit of collateral free lending from Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 lakh for women organized through 63 lakh Self Help Groups who support 6.85 crore households.

(viii) Amendment to Employees' Provident Fund Regulations to include Pandemic as the reason to allow non-refundable advance of 75% of the amount or three months wages, whichever is lower, from their accounts.

(ix) Directions issued to State Governments to utilize (a) Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Fund for assistance and support to around 3.5 Crore registered workers & (b) District Mineral Fund for supplementing and augmenting facilities of medical testing, screening and other requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic as well as treat the patients affected with this pandemic.

Annexure as referred to in part (a) of reply to the Lok Sabha question No. 3020 for 15.03.2021 regarding "PMJD Yojana"

State-wise PMJDY accounts as on 24.02.2021

S.No.	State	Total PMJDY accounts
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	47714
2	Andhra Pradesh	11281559
3	Arunachal Pradesh	353791
4	Assam	18440946
5	Bihar	48174984
6	Chandigarh	267595
7	Chhattisgarh	15298722
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	145508
9	Daman & Diu	59721
10	Delhi	4789940
11	Goa	169129
12	Gujarat	15961681
13	Haryana	7868803
14	Himachal Pradesh	1495062
15	Jammu & Kashmir	2454278
16	Jharkhand	15389866
17	Karnataka	15132391
18	Kerala	4718225
19	Ladakh	20822
20	Lakshadweep	5990
21	Madhya Pradesh	35236683
22	Maharashtra	29810673
23	Manipur	1021973
24	Meghalaya	588123
25	Mizoram	320251
26	Nagaland	326542
27	Odisha	17190154
28	Puducherry	163649
29	Punjab	7306465
30	Rajasthan	29161136
31	Sikkim	87036
32	Tamil Nadu	11078369
33	Telangana	10118386
34	Tripura	907768
35	Uttar Pradesh	71002480
36	Uttarakhand	2719535
37	West Bengal	40151497
Total		419267447

Source: Banks