GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME IN GUJARAT

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

- (a)the number of unorganised labourers covered by the Government under the Social Security Schemes in Gujarat;
- (b) the norms and guidelines to cover the unorganised sector labourers under the Social Security Schemes;
- (c)whether the unorganised sector labourers have been identified and registered in Gujarat to extend them the benefits of the Social Security Schemes; and
- (d)if so, the details of the labourers identified and registered so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2008, the Central Government is mandated to provide Social Security to unorganised sector workers/labourers 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 Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2008 has been subsumed in the code on Social Security, 2020.

Life and disability cover is provided through Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Surksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) launched in 2015. The benefits under the scheme are Rs. 2 lakh on death due to any reason and permanent disability, Rs 4 lakh on death due to accident and Rs. 1 lakh on partial disability. The annual premium is Rs. 342/- (Rs. 330/- for PMJJBY + Rs. 12/- for PMSBY) depending upon their eligibility. In Gujarat, as on 30.06.2021, the cumulative enrolments under PMJJBY and PMSBY are 37,19,328 and 91,62,480 respectively.

The health and maternity benefits are addressed through Ayushman Bharat Scheme which is a universal health scheme launched in 2018. Under the scheme, Rs. 5 lakh health coverage per family is provided for secondary and tertiary treatments free of cost. In Gujarat, as on 20.07.2021, the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme has been extended to a total of 2015959 individuals.

In order to provide old age protection to unorganised sector workers, the Government of India has launched a flagship scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) launched in March, 2019 to provide a monthly minimum assured pension of Rs. 3000/- after attaining the age of 60 years. This is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme. 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 scheme. Under the scheme, 50% monthly contribution is payable by the beneficiary and equal matching contribution is paid by the Central Government. In Gujarat, as on 19.07.2021, the beneficiaries enrolled under the scheme is 3, 68,378.

Further, the Government of Gujarat has set up a portal gujaratuwin.csccloud.in for registration of the unorganised workers. The said portal is integrated with Common Service Centres in the state and after the registration, the UWIN Card is issued. In Gujarat, the district wise pockets of unorganised workers viz. Street vendors, retail workers, fishermen, textile market workers, rickshaw drivers, kite making workers, vegetable sellers, Beedi making workers, tailors etc. have already been identified for registration.
