GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

ALL INDIA SURVEY ON DOMESTIC WORKERS

2349. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch the fieldwork for the All India Survey on Domestic Workers/Migrant workers and to collect data of such workers in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose of the said survey and the types of domestic services/helpers likely to be covered in the said survey;
(c) the estimated number of domestic workers/migrant workforce at the National/State levels found in the survey along with the wage of domestic workers;
(d) the details of schemes and programmes being implemented by the Government to protect the interests of the domestic workers employed in unrecognized sector, State/UT-wise along with the funds sanctioned for the same;
(e) whether the Government is aware that domestic workers/helpers are the hardest hit by the covid-19 and majority of them lost their job during the pandemic; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to them?

 ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(Shri Rameswar Teli)

(a) to (c): Labour Bureau, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, has launched the fieldwork for the All India Survey on Domestic Workers. The
Survey has been launched on 22nd November 2021 along with release of instruction manual & schedules.

Labour Bureau also launched ‘All India Survey on Migrant Worker’s on 1st April, 2021 with the objective to generate basic quantitative information on migrant workers and the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on their work.

The objective of the Survey on Domestic Workers (DW) are as follows:

(i) To estimate the number/proportion of DWs at National and State level.
(ii) Percentage distribution of DWs Estimates: Live-in/ Live-out; Formal/ Informal Employment; Migrant/ Non-Migrant; their wages and other socio-economic characteristics.
(iii) Household Estimates of Live-in/ Live-out DWs.
(iv) Average number of DWs engaged by different types of households.

(d) to (f): The Unorganized Workers’ Social Security Act, 2008, now subsumed in the Code on Social Security, 2020, provides for social security to all unorganized workers including domestic workers. Government has launched Central Sector Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Beema Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Beema Yojana (PMSBY) for life and disability cover and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Man Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) for pension to the unorganised workers including domestic workers. Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council (DWSSC) under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is imparting various skill development training programmes to domestic workers. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) provides secondary and tertiary health benefits to all unorganized workers including domestic workers who are covered as eligible beneficiaries as per Socio Economic Caste census Data, 2011. The Labour Codes, viz Code on Wages, 2019, Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions 2020 and Social Security Code 2020 provide for decent working conditions, wages, occupational safety, grievance redressal mechanism and social security benefits to all categories of workers including domestic workers.

Further, Ministry of Labour & Employment has developed e-SHRAM portal which is a National Database of the Unorganised Workers seeded with Aadhaar. It has been launched on 26.08.2021 and made available to the States/ UTs for the registration of unorganised workers on e-SHRAM portal. As on 3rd December, 2021, 10.33 crore unorganized workers have been registered on the portal.

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