

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

SMART CARDS TO LABOURERS

5258. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

- (a) the total number of labourers in the unorganized sector in the Country;**
- (b) the total number of smart cards that have been issued to the labourers in the unorganized sector under the Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojana;**
- (c) whether in the absence of the smart cards the labourers are unable to use the facilities of the schemes that the Government has launched for their benefit; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which the Government proposes to complete the process of issuing the smart cards to each one of the labourers from the unorganized sector and the details of the plan to complete the process with the deadline?**

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-18 carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, estimated 38 crore people are working as unorganised workers in the country.

(b): Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) was launched on 23rd September, 2018 subsuming the Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojana to provide Rs. 5 lakh health coverage per family for secondary and tertiary hospitalization free of cost to the eligible labourers in the

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unorganised sector as per the criteria identified from the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) of 2011. This scheme is being implemented in all States/UTs except Delhi, Odisha and West Bengal. As on 29.03.2022, a total of 17.90 crore individuals have been verified and issued with smart cards.

(c): All eligible beneficiaries are entitled to free healthcare services under AB PM-JAY from the day of the implementation of the scheme in their State/UT. Beneficiaries can visit the empanelled hospitals to verify their eligibility and avail healthcare services. The empanelled hospitals subsequently raise pre-authorization requests for the treatment proposed to be given to the verified beneficiaries.

(d): Issuance of AB PM-JAY smart card is a continuous process based on the demand for services and eligibility criteria identified from the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) of 2011. However, Government is making all-out efforts to scale-up the issuance of Ayushman cards across the country.
