GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2333 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

PRADHAN MANTRI SHRAM YOGI MAAN-DHAN YOJANA

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

- (a)the number and details of workers from unorganised sectors registered under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) during the last four years in Bihar particularly in District Gopalganj;
- (b)the details about the amount disbursed by the Government to registered beneficiaries during the said period;
- (c)whether it is a fact that the Government contribution provided to Life Insurance Corporation of India(LIC) being the fund manager and fund released to LIC are not sufficient for unorganised sector of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (d)whether any scheme is available for providing additional benefits/incentives for wider acceptance and induction of more labourers under PM-SYM pension scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (e)whether the Government deposits equal matching share in the pension account of the workers every month under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (f)whether there is steep decline in the average monthly enrollment of PM-SYM and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): As on 22.07.2022, total 2,12,946 workers of unorganised sector have been registered under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) scheme in the State of Bihar. A total of 6,521 workers has been registered in district Gopalganj. (b): The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under PM-SYM is as under;

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Fund allocated | Expenditure |
|---------|----------------|-------------|
| 2019-20 | 408.00 | 359.95 |
| 2020-21 | 330.00 | 319.71 |
| 2021-22 | 350.00 | 324.23 |

(c): No, Sir. The funds released to Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) being the fund manager on account of Government contribution are sufficient for unorganised sector of Bihar.

(d): To extend the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) pension scheme to the unorganized workers, the Government has taken Donate-a-Pension initiative under which people/employers can donate the premium contribution for their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers, care givers, nurses, in their household or establishment or any other eligible unorganized workers in the age group of 18-40 years so as to provide them old age protection through PM-SYM pension scheme. The donor can pay minimum of one year's contribution. The donation amount for a year amounts to minimum Rs 660/ and maximum upto Rs 2400/- depending on the age of the beneficiary. The people/employers can donate on https://maandhan.in/ or by visiting the nearest Common Service Centre.

(e): Yes, Sir. The Government of India deposits equal matching share in the pension account of the workers every month under the scheme through Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). The monthly contribute varies from Rs. 55/- to Rs. 200/- depending upon the entry age of the person.

(f): PM-SYM is a voluntary scheme. Moreover, the outbreak of the pandemic, adversely affected the number of new enrolments under PM-SYM scheme.
