GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 215 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES FOR LABOURERS

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

- (a)the details of Central Assistance provided by the Government under the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) aimed at improving the welfare, social security and skill development of labourers during the last five years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of the total number of labourers in Tamil Nadu benefited from these schemes during the said period;
- (c)whether the Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by the State Governments, especially Tamil Nadu due to delays or inadequacy in the release of Central Funds and if so, the details thereof;
- (d)the details of requests made by the Government of Tamil Nadu seeking enhanced Central assistance or flexibility in scheme implementation for better outreach among the labourers; and
- (e)the details of the specific measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the condition of labourers in Tamil Nadu?

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) to (e): 'Labour' is a subject on the Concurrent list in the Constitution of India and the Central Government supplements the efforts of all the States including Tamil Nadu for the welfare of Labourers. The schemes of Ministry of Labour and Employment are Central Sector schemes and implemented on pan India basis and fully funded by the Central Government. Separate State-wise allocation are not made for these schemes. Major welfare and social security schemes being implemented are (i) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PMSYM), a voluntary contributory scheme with matching contribution by Government of India for old age pension; (ii) Labour Welfare Scheme (LWS) for welfare of Beedi / Cine / Non-Coal Mine workers and their family members covering three components viz. Health, Scholarship and Housing; (iii) National Career Service (NCS) for establishment of Model Career Centres (MCCs); (iv) Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 implemented through EPFO; (v) Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) to incentivize employers for creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic; (vi) Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers for identification and rehabilitation of bonded labourers: and (vii) Health services through Employees State Insurance Corporation; viii) Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana.

The details of expenditure under major welfare schemes and number of beneficiaries, including the State of Tamil Nadu are Annexed.

Ministry of Labour & Employment has also launched the e-Shram portal (eshram.gov.in) on 26th August 2021. It allows an unorganised worker to register himself on the portal on self-declaration basis. The main objective of the e-Shram portal is to create a National Database of unorganized workers, seeded with Aadhaar, and to facilitate delivery under existing social security and welfare schemes to such workers. As on 31.07.2025, over 30.97 crore unorganised workers have registered on eShram portal including 93.10 Lakh in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Further, to foster employment, the Union Government has recently approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme named as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana which has a financial outlay of Rs 99,446 crores. It is a transformative scheme

aimed at catalysing employment generation, enhancing employability and social security, with an additional focus on the manufacturing sector across India including the State of Tamil Nadu.

In addition, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurships' Skill India Mission (SIM) delivers skill, reskilling and upskilling training through an extensive network of skill development centres/institutes etc under various schemes viz Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITSs) to all the sections of the society across the country.

The implementation of the schemes such as awareness and mobilization of beneficiaries are addressed with support of State and local authorities including those in Tamil Nadu by organizing awareness camps, facilitating enrolment etc.

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1. PRADHAN MANTRI SHRAM YOGI MAANDHAN (PM-SYM) PENSION SCHEME:

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in Crore) |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020-21 | 319.71 |
| 2021-22 | 324.23 |
| 2022-23 | 269.91 |
| 2023-24 | 162.51 |
| 2024-25 | 232.11 |
| 2025-26 (upto 30.06.2025) | 56.13 |

As on 10.07.2025, more than 51.36 lakh beneficiaries have been enrolled on Maandhan portal under PMSYM scheme including 69,490 beneficiaries in the State of Tamil Nadu.

2. LABOUR WELFARE SCHEME (LWS):

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in Crore) |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020-21 | 86.25 |
| 2021-22 | 64.21 |
| 2022-23 | 80.79 |
| 2023-24 | 81.31 |
| 2024-25 | 40.27 |
| 2025-26 (upto 30.06.2025) | 0.79 |

The total beneficiaries during the last five years are 94,76,011, out of which beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu region are 12,69,492.

3. National Career Service (NCS):

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in Crore) |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020-21 | 43.80 |
| 2021-22 | 24.30 |
| 2022-23 | 43.99 |
| 2023-24 | 46.90 |
| 2024-25 | 47.43 |
| 2025-26 (upto 30.06.2025) | 4.46 |

Jobseekers / beneficiaries under NCS during the above financial years (till 30.06.2025) are 4.10 Crore, out of which 15.92 Lakhs are in the State of Tamil Nadu.

4. Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY):

| Year | Amount Disbursed (Rs. in Crore) |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 2020-21 | 351.08 |
| 2021-22 | 4046.44 |
| 2022-23 | 4593.08 |
| 2023-24 | 1197.89 |

• Duration of the scheme: From FY 2020-21 upto 2023-24.

As on 31.03.2024, total beneficiaries are 60.49 Lakh, out of which 8.05 Lakh beneficiaries are in the State of Tamil Nadu.

- 5. Health services through Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC): Under the ESIC, there are a total of 166 Hospitals (61 ESIC and 105 ESIS) and 1603 dispensaries providing health facilities to 3,80,41,160 Insured Persons across India. In the State of Tamil Nadu, there are 11 hospitals (03 ESIC and 08 ESIS) and 241 dispensaries and in-principle approval for 06 new hospitals has been given. There are 43,77,090 insured persons in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- **6. Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour Scheme:** This scheme is demand driven where funds are provided to States / UTs on receipt of proposals from them. The details of number of beneficiaries and amount released for their rehabilitation during last five years and the current year in the State of Tamil Nadu are as under:

| Year | Number of Bonded Labourers Rehabilitated in the State of Tamil Nadu | Amount Released for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers for the State of Tamil Nadu (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 2020-21 | | |
| 2021-22 | 1016 | 204.73 |
| 2022-23 | 297 | 59.40 |
| 2023-24 | 176 | 56.80 |
| 2024-25 | 196 | 57.40 |
| 2025-26 (upto 30.06.2025) | 41 | 19.30 |
