LABOUR WELFARE ORGANISATION(LWO)

- Labour Welfare Organisations are the subordinate office headed by Director General Labour Welfare
- There are 18 LWO Regions headed by Welfare Commissioner across the country.
- Labour Welfare Organisations deals with implementation & administration Labour welfare Schemes for 50 lakh poor and illiterate Beedi/Cine/LSDM/IOMC/Mica mines workers and their families.
- The fund for the welfare schemes used to be financed by collecting cess under respective cess Acts. After repealing of cess Acts now the schemes are financed through grant from government.

Labour Welfare Schemes

1. Housing Scheme: Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS)

A revamped housing scheme (RIHS, 2016) has been introduced from December, 2016 with a subsidy of Rs.1, 50,000 per beneficiary household. The scheme has now been converged with Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna (PMAY).

2. Health Scheme:

Primary Health care facilities are being provided to Beedi, Cine and Non-Coal Mine workers and to their families through **10** Hospitals and **279** Dispensaries located across the country (Annexure A). Reimbursement of expenditure for specialized medical treatment (Annexure B) in case of critical diseases is also provided.

Mobile Dispensaries: One of the distinguishing features of the health scheme is that the Labour Welfare Organisations provide the Health Care benefits to workers and their families at door step through its Medical Mobile Units located across country.

3. Education Scheme:

Financial Assistance is given to the wards of Beedi/Cine & Non-Coal Mine Workers, varying from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 25,000/- (Annexure B) per student per year. The applications under this scheme are invited and processed through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and payment is made through DBT System.

Other Activities of LWOs:-

- Registration camps & IEC Activities for Central Sector Schemes E-Shram, PMSYM, PMJJY, PMSBY etc.
- Coordination between Centre and State Govt on various labour laws BOCW Act 1996

Annexure A

LIST OF LWO HOSPITALS							
S.No.	Name of Hospital	Region	Bed strength				
1.	Central Hospital, Barajamda (Jharkhand)	Karma	50				
2.	Central Hospital, Joda (Orissa)	Bhubaneswar	50				
3.	Central Hospital, Balaghat (M.P.)	Jabalpur	50				
4.	Central Hospital, Mysore (Karnataka)	Bangalore	50				
5.	Central Hospital, Gursahaiganj (U.P.)	Allahabad	10				
6.	Central Hospital, Dhuliyan (W.B.)	Kolkata	65				
7.	Central Hospital Sagar (M.P.)	Jabalpur	30				
8.	Central Hospital Mukkudal, (T.N.)	Hyderabad	30				
9.	Central Hospital ,Bihar Sharif (Bihar)	Bihar	30				
10	Central Hospital Yadgir (Karnataka)	Bangalore	15				

Details of Dispensaries

SI. No.	Name of State	Number of Dispensaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	8
2	Assam	1
3	Bihar	17
4	Chhattisgarh	10
5	Gujarat	12
6	Himachal Pradesh	1
7	Jharkhand	7
8	Karnataka	28
9	Kerala	7
10	Madhya Pradesh	36
11	Maharashtra	18
12	Odisha	24
13	Rajasthan	23
14	Tamil Nadu	22
15	Telangana	17
16	Tripura	1
17	Uttar Pradesh	24
18	West Bengal	23
Total		279

Annexure - B

Rate of Reimbursement under Health Scheme

Cancer	Reimbursement of expenditure up to Rs. 7,50,000/- on treatment, medicines and diet charges incurred by workers, or their dependents.
Tuberculosis	Reservation of beds in T.B. Hospitals and domiciliary treatment for workers. Subsistence allowance of Rs. 750/to Rs. 1000/- p.m is granted as per the advice of the treating physician.
Heart Diseases	Reimbursement of expenditure up to Rs. 1,30,000/- to workers.
Kidney Transplantation	Reimbursement of expenditure up to Rs. 2,00,000/- to workers.
Hernia, Appendectomy, Ulcer, Gynecological diseases and Prostrate diseases	Reimbursement of expenditure up to Rs. 30,000/- to workers and their dependents.

Revised rate of financial assistance from the year 2022-23

Financial Assistance for education				
	Financial Assistance Rate (Amount in Rs. Per annum per student)			
Class	Both girls and boys			
I to IV (for purchase of dress/books etc.)	1000			
V to VIII	1500			
IX	2000			
X				
Class XI & XII	3000			
ITI				
Polytechnic	6000			
Degree Course (Including B.ScAgri)				
Professional Courses (BE/MBBS/MBA)	25000			

^{*}Students promoted to the next class is eligible to apply for the scholarship.