

Health Insurance for Domestic Workers

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The Central Government had enacted the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008, now subsumed in the Code on Social Security, 2020, for providing social security to all unorganized workers including domestic workers. The Act provides formulation of social security schemes viz. life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits & old age protection by the central Government. The state Government are mandated under the Act to formulate suitable welfare schemes for unorganized sector workers including domestic workers relating to provident fund, employment injury benefits housing, education schemes for children, skill up gradation of workers, financial assistance & old age homes. Central Sector Schemes like PMJJBY, PMSBY, PM-SYM provide social security cover to all the unorganised workers including domestic workers in respect of life & disability cover, insurance and pension. Ayushman Bharat 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.

Ministry of Labour& Employment is in the process of developing a comprehensive National Data base of the Unorganized workers (NDUW) to collect relevant information of unorganized workers including domestic workers and inter-alia help in delivery of various social security and welfare schemes being implemented for them.

The number of domestic workers as per Census 2011 is given below:-

| SI · N o. | States/UTs | Number of Domestic Workers |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands UT | 2,085 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 4,66,209 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 2,855 |
| 4 | Assam | 38,397 |
| 5 | Bihar | 39,685 |
| 6 | Chandigarh UT | 23,110 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 1,08,422 |
| 8 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli UT | 1,403 |
| 9 | Daman & Diu UT | 1,503 |
| 10 | NCT of Delhi | 2,11,767 |
| 11 | Goa | 20,810 |
| 12 | Gujarat | 2,39,517 |
| 13 | Haryana | 1,02,476 |
| 14 | Himachal Pradesh | 23,128 |

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| 15 | Jammu & Kashmir | 18,937 |
| 16 | Jharkhand | 39,371 |
| 17 | Karnataka | 3,26,585 |
| 18 | Kerala | 1,65,012 |
| 19 | Lakshadweep UT | 39 |
| 20 | Madhya Pradesh | 1,89,170 |
| 21 | Maharashtra | 9,92,040 |
| 22 | Manipur | 1,248 |
| 23 | Meghalaya | 11,461 |
| 24 | Mizoram | 1,718 |
| 25 | Nagaland | 2,470 |
| 26 | Odisha | 92,714 |
| 27 | Puducherry UT | 22,815 |
| 28 | Punjab | 1,41,861 |
| 29 | Rajasthan | 99,288 |
| 30 | Sikkim | 3,157 |
| 31 | Tamilnadu | 6,05,169 |
| 32 | Tripura | 8,770 |
| 33 | Uttar Pradesh | 2,01,316 |
| 34 | Uttarakhand | 27,512 |
| 35 | West Bengal | 5,49,335 |
| | Total | 47,81,355 |

Data as per Census 2011

This information was given by Minister of State (I/C) for Labour & Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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