

Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana

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The scheme Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana was introduced by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on pilot basis for a period of 2 years w.e.f. 01.07.2018 for providing relief to the Insured Persons (IPs) who have become unemployed. Under this scheme relief in the form of cash compensation to the extent of 25 per cent of the average per day earning was paid upto a maximum of 90 days of unemployment subject to conditions that the employee should have completed two years of Insurable employment and has contributed not less than Seventy-Eight (78) days in each of the four consecutive contribution periods immediately preceding to the claim of the relief.

Since its inception till 18.03.2021, a total of 43299 beneficiaries have availed relief under the scheme and an amount of Rs.57.18 crore has been disbursed.

State/Union Territory wise details of claim and payment made under the scheme during 01.07.2018 to 18.03.2021 are given below.

The scheme has been extended for the period from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021. In order to provide benefit to the IPs who have become unemployed during Covid-19 pandemic, the rate of relief has been enhanced and the eligibility conditions have been relaxed as follows for the IPs who became unemployed from 24.03.2020 onwards:-

- i. The rate of relief has been doubled from 25 per cent to 50 per cent average per day earning of employee.
- ii. The Insured Person should have been in insurable employment for a minimum period of two years immediately before his/ her unemployment and should have contributed for not less than 78 days in the contribution period immediately preceding the unemployment and minimum 78 days in one of the remaining three contribution periods in two years prior to unemployment. Earlier this condition was a minimum contribution of 78 days in four contribution periods prior to unemployment with minimum two years insurable employment.
- iii. Claim shall become due 30 days after date of unemployment. Earlier this period was 90 days.
- iv. The claim of the IP need not be forwarded by the employer. The claim may be submitted by an IP in the prescribed claim form duly completed online or directly to the branch office.

The following measures have been taken by the Ministry for welfare of the unemployed in the country:

- i. The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY) Scheme has been launched by the Government to incentivize creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic. This scheme, being implemented through the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), reduces the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/industries including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and encourages them to hire more workers. Under ABRY, the government is crediting for a period of two years, both the employees' share (12% of wages) and employers' share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employees' share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments.
- ii. The Ministry is also implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project as a Mission Mode Project to provide a variety of employment related services in the country like job matching, career counseling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, internships, etc. These services are available online on the National Career Service Portal (www.ncs.gov.in) and accessible by all users including job-seekers, employers, skill providers, career counsellors etc.

State/UT Wise details of claims and payment made under ABVKY during the period 01.07.2018 to 18.03.2021

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Total claims received	Approved Claims	Approved amount
1.	Himachal Pradesh	992	623	8332562
2.	Karnataka	4937	3229	46860455
3.	Punjab	2424	1491	18617965
4.	Uttarakhand	1187	554	7162513
5.	Haryana	5979	1751	22849924
6.	Assam	326	237	2974008
7.	Rajasthan	4837	3235	41077152
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	260	165	1480306
9.	Uttar Pradesh	5965	2888	39647355
10.	West Bengal	1149	690	9461380
11.	Nagaland	1	1	21637
12.	Bihar	653	466	5259276
13.	Delhi	4323	2619	46204397
14.	Jharkhand	422	185	2215305
15.	Sikkim	2	0	0
16.	Tripura	14	14	114450
17.	Mizoram	6	5	30825
18.	Gujarat	2265	1498	19809040
19.	Andhra Pradesh	10693	8081	89842174
20.	Odisha	648	318	3370491
21.	Tamil Nadu	5221	3463	43386600
22.	Madhya Pradesh	2810	1943	24615791
23.	Maharashtra	6238	4356	61919164
24.	Goa	597	355	5681094
25.	Chhattisgarh	594	354	4108174
26.	Telangana	3942	2407	34087064
27.	Kerala	2940	2126	29208122
28.	Puducherry	334	245	3496974
Total		69759	43299	571834198

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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