

Support To Construction Workers

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The Building and Other Construction Workers' (BoCW) welfare Boards of the States/ UTs maintain the data of construction workers in respect of their State/UT. However, the details about the number of registered Construction Workers State-wise is enclosed at the Annexure.

The Central Government is committed to protect and promote the welfare, social security, safety and health of labourers. It has enacted the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 [BOCW (RE&CS) Act, 1996], now subsumed in the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 (OSH Code, 2020), to regulate the employment and conditions of service of building and other construction workers and to provide for their safety, health and welfare measures and for other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. These provisions are enforced by the Central and State Governments in their respective spheres.

The implementation of Welfare schemes relating to life and disability cover, health and maternity cover, transit housing, skill development, financial assistance for education of wards etc. of Building and Other Construction Workers has been entrusted upon State/UT BOCW Welfare Boards under Section 22 of the Act.

Relevant instructions under Section 60 of the BOCW(RE&CS) Act, 1996 have been issued from time to time by the Central Government to State/UT BOCW Welfare Boards for optimum utilization of the cess funds for the social security and other welfare measures for the BOC workers and their families, which may include the benefits of welfare schemes of the State Welfare Boards and social security schemes of the Central/State Governments and for implementation of the provisions of the Act.

This information was given by Shri Rameswar Teli, Minister of State, Ministry of Labour & Employment in Rajya Sabha today.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2486 for 24.03.2022 regarding 'Support to construction workers'.

| Sl. No. | Name of the States/UTs. | No. of registered BOCW workers |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1973592 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 44136 |
| 3 | Assam | 543275 |
| 4 | Bihar | 1970680 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 2020732 |
| 6 | Goa | 16060 |

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| 7 | Gujarat | 683000 |
| 8 | Haryana | 893957 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 339049 |
| 10 | J&K (including Laddakh) | 610738 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 1205939 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 3165495 |
| 13 | Kerala | 2030730 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 1230250 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 3040210 |
| 16 | Manipur | 151459 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 82059 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 52947 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 32399 |
| 20 | Odisha | 2900349 |
| 21 | Punjab | 579212 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 2839216 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 38361 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 1675896 |
| 25 | Telangana | 1213696 |
| 26 | Tripura | 115692 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 11936594 |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 401365 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 3183744 |
| 30 | Delhi | 587184 |
| 31 | A & N Island | 21488 |
| 32 | Chandigarh | 28053 |
| 33 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 10228 |
| 34 | Daman and Diu | 12718 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 434 |
| 36 | Puducherry | 36238 |
| | TOTAL | 45667175 |

***Source: As per reports received from State/UT BOCW Welfare Boards.**

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