

Ministry of Labour and Employment initiates matching of the eShram beneficiaries' data with the Ration Card (National Food Security Act (NFSA)) data

This initiative to ensure that Ration Card benefits under NFSA is made available to all eligible workers registered on eShram portal

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The eShram portal was launched on 26th August 2021 by the Ministry of Labour & Employment to create a National Database of the unorganised/migrant workers and to provide them with a Universal Account Number (UAN). The portal has received unprecedented response from the unorganised/migrant workers of the country and as on 24th February 2023, over 28.60 crore workers have registered on the eShram portal.

One of the objective of the eShram portal is to extend the benefits of social security and welfare schemes to unorganised workers especially migrant workers, and to identify workers who are deprived of the various benefits of the welfare schemes of the Central and/or State Government due to lack of awareness or otherwise. With this objective, Ministry of Labour & Employment initiated matching of the eShram beneficiaries' data with the Ration Card (National Food Security Act (NFSA)) data available with the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD). The complete data set of Ration card was made available by the DFPD to the Ministry of Labour & Employment. On matching of the two data sets, it has been observed that out of total 28.60 crore eShram registrants, about 20.63 crore eShram registrants are registered in NFSA database of DFPD and about 7.96 crore eShram registrants are yet to get registered on NFSA data.

Ministry of Labour and Employment is conveying the details of all eShram registered unorganised/migrant workers who are not yet registered on NFSA to DFPD so that these eShram registrants may also be included under database of DFPD as per their eligibility. This initiative will ensure that Ration Card benefits under NFSA is made available to all eligible workers registered on eShram.

The eShram portal is already integrated with National Career Service (NCS) portal and more than 10 lakh eShram registrants have registered on NCS to get benefits of domestic as well as international jobs available on NCS portal. Further, eShram portal is also integrated with PMSYM portal to facilitate eShram registrants getting benefit of pension scheme of Ministry of Labour & Employment.

Ministry of Labour & Employment is constantly making efforts to work towards the welfare of entire workforce under both organized and unorganized sectors. The above initiative will definitely be beneficial to a large section of unorganized workers and their families.

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