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Ministry of Labour and Employment

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Office Memorandum

Subject :- Status of implementation of the decisions of the Government on the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee -reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Minority Affairs' OM of even number dated 01.10.2010 on the above cited subject and to say the the latest status on Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act and RSBY is as under:

The Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 was enacted on 31.12.2008. Thereafter, the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Rules, 2009 were framed. The Act has come into force w.e.f. 16.05.2009. The Act provides for constitution of National Social Security Board which shall recommend formulation of social security schemes for unorganised workers/ categories of unorganised workers from time to time.

The National Board was constituted on 18.08.2009 and held its meetings twice on 23.09.2009 and 07.01.2010 to consider extension of RSBY to other unorganized workers and formulation of other social security schemes for these workers. The Board, in its 2nd meeting recommended that social security schemes viz Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) providing health and maternity benefits, Janshree Bima Yojana (JBY) providing death and disability cover and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (IGNOAP) providing old age pension may be extended to certain categories of unorganised workers.

In the Budget Speech for the year 2010-2011, the Finance Minister has announced to extend benefits of RSBY to all such Mahatma Gandhi NREGA beneficiaries who have worked for more than 15 days during the preceding financial year. He also announced setting up of National Social Security Fund for unorganised sector workers with initial allocation of Rs.1,000 crore. This fund will support schemes for weavers, toddy tappers, rickshaw pullers, bidi workers etc. The Railway Minister in her Budget speech for 2010-2011, has announced to extend the RSBY to all licensed porters, vendors and hawkers, who are from the unorganised sector and are socially challenged.

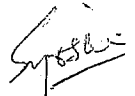
It is mentioned that social security schemes already listed in Schedule-1 of the Act or to be formulated under the Act would benefit all unorganized workers, including, those belonging to minority communities.

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana

The 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' was launched on 1st October, 2007 to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000/- per annum to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. The scheme became operational from 01.04.2008. As on date,

The scheme is being implemented in 23 States/UTs, namely Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Tamilnadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, and have started issuing smart cards and more than 1.95 crore cards have been issued as on 18.10.2010. Other States except Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan are in the process of implementation of the scheme. The cast / community-wise figure of beneficiaries under RSBY is not maintained.

The RSBY has been extended to street vendors.



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