

WELFARE OF UNORGANIZED URBAN WORKERS

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The Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/programmes in the country. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes implemented by the Government of India is available at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes. Further, the Ministry of Labour & Employment has developed the National Career Service (NCS) portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including information on jobs from private and government sectors, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform www.ncs.gov.in.

In order to provide old age protection to the workers of unorganised sector, the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) scheme was launched in February, 2019. This is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme. Under the scheme, a monthly assured pension of Rs. 3000/- is provided to the unorganised workers after attaining the age of 60 years. Eligible unorganised workers can self-enroll through visiting the portal www.maandhan.in.

As informed by NITI Aayog, in 2021 Government of India developed a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) framework to measure poverty. It is a comprehensive index that captures overlapping deprivations in dimensions such as health, education and standard of living. It measures both the share of people in poverty, and the degree to which they are deprived. The index is based on the internationally recognized measure of poverty, Global Multidimensional Poverty Index, published by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). It comprises of 12 indicators, out of which ten indicators are retained from the global MPI model and two additional indicators viz. Maternal Health and Bank Accounts are added in line with national priorities. This is the only methodology that is used presently to measure poverty. The second edition of the index was released in 2023.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Tokhan Sahu, in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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