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Secretary to Govt. of India

D.O.No.M-21015/1/2012-RW

July 12, 2013

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, Ministry of Labour & Employment is implementing a health insurance scheme, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) since 01.10.2007 providing for smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs.30,000/- per family per annum on a family floater basis to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. The scheme has already covered more than 3.48 crore families in 28 States/UTs of the country. Under RSBY, a biometric smart card is provided to each beneficiary family enabling them to get cashless health insurance benefits across the country.

2. During the course of its implementation, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) has been extended to street vendors, beedi workers, domestic workers, building and other construction workers and MGNREGA workers (who have worked more than 15 days during the previous financial year). Now the Government of India has decided to extend the coverage of RSBY further to

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- rickshaw pullers
 - rag pickers
 - mine workers
 - sanitation workers and
 - auto rickshaw drivers & taxi drivers

3. Detailed guidelines for extending coverage to these categories viz. identification, registration and funding pattern have been devised and a copy of the same is enclosed.

4. I would request you to consider convening a meeting of the concerned Departments at your level to formulate a strategy to implement this landmark decision of the Government to provide social security cover to these marginalised categories of the unorganized workers. A copy of this letter is being endorsed to the State Nodal Officer on RSBY, who will brief you about the scheme and facilitate the coordination between the concerned Departments for this meeting.

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5. Please feel free to contact me on any clarifications. I will be grateful if you could confirm to me within a month the inclusion of the above categories in the implementation of RSBY in your State.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

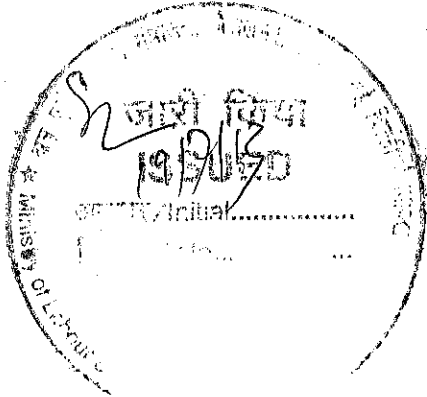
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Encl: As stated above.

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs

Copy to :- All State Nodal Agencies.



Guidelines for extension of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to rickshaw pullers, rag pickers, mine workers, sanitation workers; and auto rickshaw drivers & taxi drivers

I. Rickshaw drivers/ pullers

Definition:

- The definition of Cycle Rickshaw drivers and Rickshaw pullers is the one provided by Census in National Classification of Occupation.
- Cycle Rickshaw driver drives cycle rickshaw on hire or as paid employee to transport passengers from one place to another observing road signals and traffic rules.
- Rickshaw puller pulls hand rickshaw on hire or as a paid employee to transport one or two passengers/goods from one place to another in urban areas or on hills assisted by one or more pullers.

Numbers: As per Census 2001, there are about **13.68 lakh rickshaw pullers** in the country. The State Government would identify rickshaw pullers.

Implementation Mechanism: The data for this category of workers will be converted by such Agency/Agencies as are designated by the State Governments in the RSBY format. This data will be handed over to the State Nodal Agency (SNA) responsible for implementation of RSBY in the respective States.

Funding Pattern: Funding pattern will be same as for BPL families.

II. Rag pickers

Definition: The State Government would identify rag pickers on the basis of laid down criteria:

- (i) He/she should have completed 18 years of age
- (ii) A self-declaration by him/her confirming that he/she is a rag/waste picker along with **any** of the document of proof of occupation
 - (a) Contract or letter from Mohalla Committee/Resident Welfare Association/Area Sabha/Ward Committee/commercial complex/hotel management/ company stating that the wastepicker/s are picking up their waste from their premises; **or**
 - (b) Membership of an organisation that has as its objectives the welfare and benefit of waste pickers and is constituted under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860, The Trade Union Act, 1920, The Companies Act, 1956, The Cooperatives Act, 2005 or any other Act in India **or**

Funding Pattern: The contribution pattern for mining workers under the scheme would be same as for BPL workers.

IV. Sanitation workers:

Definition: 'Sanitation Worker' means a person engaged in, or employed for, any sanitation work, other than manual scavenging. This includes Sewage Labourers and Sweepers.

Numbers: As per Census of India 2001, there are about **10.08 lakhs** sanitation workers in the country.

Implementation Mechanism: The existing State Nodal Agency (SNA) for ongoing RSBY scheme will be the nodal agency for sanitation workers

Funding Pattern: The contribution pattern for sanitation workers under the scheme would be same as for BPL workers.

V Auto Rickshaw Drivers and Taxi Drivers

Numbers: Auto Rickshaw Drivers and Taxi Drivers form an important segment of the unorganized workers in urban areas. The Auto Rickshaw Drivers and Taxi Drivers are presently registered by the State Transport Authorities. The estimated number of licensed Auto Rickshaw Drivers and Taxi Drivers is **35.39 lakh**.

Implementation Mechanism: The State Government will identify such Auto Rickshaw Drivers and Taxi Drivers and prepare their data in the format under RSBY as per the guidelines prescribed thereunder. The existing State Nodal Agency (SNA) for ongoing RSBY scheme will be the nodal agency for Auto Rickshaw Drivers and Taxi Drivers as well.

Funding Pattern: The financial conditions of the Auto rickshaw and taxi drivers are better than the BPL workers in the unorganised sector. Hence, it is proposed that such workers would contribute 50% of premium in addition to Rs. 30/- as registration fee. Remaining 50% of premium would be equally shared by the Central and State Government.