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The Department of Labour, Government of West Bengal has already come up with a converged Scheme, Samajík Suraksha Yojana (SSY) - an umbrella scheme that has assimilated all the Social Security endeavours being implemented by the Department so far. I am delighted that the Department is now going to launch the "SSY Portal" from where all the beneficiaries can fill up the forms online, check the status of their application and at the same time will also get system generated communications from time to time thereby enhancing transparency. In the back end the portal has integrated all the existing databases of ongoing schemes thereby bringing all types of unorganised workers under one platform of imparting social security. It is estimated that about 8 million unorganised workers in the State would be covered by social security through this scheme.

Each beneficiary would be given a Social Security Identity Number (SSIN) that would be displayed on his Samajik Mukti Card. Eventually the SSIN would be linked to the workers' health, insurance, skills and livelihood benefits under this scheme.

I strongly believe that such endeavours would help in enhancing the outreach of Government and offer a hassle free access to our services benefitting the workers in the unorganised sectors.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all who have been a part of this initiative and hope that this portal will be updated and maintained regularly.

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