

Office of the Commissioner of Labour, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

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Sub: Unorganized Workers Social Security Act, 2008 – Pension Schemes for Unorganised Workers and Traders - Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Pension Scheme (PMSYM) – National Pension Scheme for Traders - Enrollment of Unorganised Workers and Traders – Request - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Gazette Notification No. 646, dated 07.02.2019 issued by Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India on Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan.
2. Gazette Notification No.2385, dated 22.07.2019 issued by Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India on NPS-Traders.
3. Video Conference held on 11.10.2019, by the Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. DO.Lr.No. M-21020/06/2019-RW, dated 27.09.2019 of the Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, New Delhi, along with Work Plan for enrollment.

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While drawing your attention to the subject cited, it is to inform that Government of India on 5th March, 2019 launched a pension scheme for the workers in the Unorganised Sector working as Street vendors, Rickshaw pullers, Construction workers, Domestic workers, Rag pickers, Agriculture workers, Beedi workers, Cobblers, Handloom workers, Washer men, Leather workers or other workers who are engaged in numerous other similar 150 occupations approximately and whose monthly earnings are Rs.15000/- or less. The Pension Scheme is named as Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM). The scheme is introduced u/s 3(1)(c) of the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2008.

PM-SYM is a voluntary contributory pension scheme. Any worker in the unorganized sector whose monthly income is upto Rs.15,000/- and who is between 18-40 years of age shall be eligible to enter PM-SYM pension scheme. He/she shall receive an assured monthly pension of Rs. 3,000/- after attaining the age of 60 years for which he / she shall deposit a nominal monthly subscription ranging from Rs.55 to Rs.200/- depending on the entry age. The Central Government shall also deposit equal matching share of monthly subscription in his pension account.

Similar to PM-SYM Pension Scheme, the Government of India announced another Pension Scheme exclusively for retail traders / shopkeepers and self employed persons (Vyapaaris) namely National Pension Scheme for the Traders and Self employed Persons (NPS –Traders) available for enrollment w.e.f 5th September, 2019. The scheme is designed on the lines of Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana (PM-SYM) for those retail traders / shopkeepers and self employed persons whose annual turnover is not exceeding Rs.1.5 crore. The

monthly income criteria of Rs.15,000/- does not apply in this case. However, he/she should not be an Income tax payer and should not be a member of EPFO / ESIC / NPS / PMSYM. Any trader / shopkeeper / self employed person who is between 18-40 years of age shall be eligible to enter NPS-Traders pension scheme. He/she shall receive an assured monthly pension of Rs. 3,000/- after attaining the age of 60 years for which he / she shall deposit a nominal monthly subscription ranging from Rs.55 to Rs.200/- depending on the entry age. The Central Government shall also deposit equal matching share of monthly subscription in his pension account.

A country wide network of 3.50 lakh Common Service Centres (CSCs) spread across the country are designated as enrollment centres for both the Pension Schemes. In Andhra Pradesh there are about 7373 CSCs. The Government of India fixed 6,18,000 enrollments as target to be achieved by 31st March, 2020 under PM-SYM and 2,23,000 enrollments as target to be achieved by 31st March, 2020 under NPS-Traders. The Government of India further fixed District wise targets under both the Schemes which is enclosed herewith.

The Government of India proposed to constitute a State Level Monitoring Committee in each State and a District Level Implementation Committee at District level to implement the action plan. The District Level Committee will be headed by the District Collector while the State Level Committee will be headed by the Chief Secretary of the State.

In this regard, the DCLs are requested to go through the copy of the DO letter 4th cited above (enclosed herewith) to ensure large number of unorganized workers and Traders are enrolled into the respective Pension Schemes (PM-SYM & NPS-Traders), keeping the district wise target fixed by Government of India in mind. The DCLs are also requested to hold meetings with Traders Associations, Owners of Shops & Establishments and ensure large number of enrollments in the NPS-Traders. Similarly, the DCLs are requested to hold meetings with the Unorganized Workers Unions and other stakeholders in the districts for enrollment of large number of unorganized workers.

Encl: Copies of 1st, 2nd and 4th references cited above.

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To
All the Dy. Commissioners of Labour in the State.
All the Joint Commissioners of Labour to monitor the implementation as per the Action Plan.