

Regarding Need to provide Health/Life Insurance coverage to sanitation workers of the country-laid

DR. BYREDDY SHABARI (NANDYAL): The Jan Bhagirathi initiative along with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, has been instrumental in realizing Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Gram Swaraj. However, it is disheartening to note that a significant number of sanitation workers are still not receiving their rightful compensation. These workers are employed at various levels, including local self-Governments and organizations such as Indian Railways, with many being hired on a contractual basis, often without their contracts being honored. In addition to the social stigma they face, these workers are also subjected to economic hardships. There are numerous instances where their payments are delayed, with many local self-Governments failing to fulfill their financial obligations to those who contribute to the cleanliness of our villages and cities. Cleanliness is akin to godliness, and it is imperative that we show the utmost respect and reverence to the men and women who maintain the hygiene of our urban and rural areas, including organizations like Indian Railways. I urge the Government to pay special attention to our sanitation workers by providing them with health insurance coverage of at least 10 lakhs, personal accident insurance of 50 lakhs, and life insurance of 50 lakhs.