

# Good news! Conditions relaxed for ESIC subscribers! Stunning decision of the Ministry of Labour!

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The economy around the world is plummeting. In India, the central and state governments have stepped in to improve the economic condition of the people.

In this context, the Federal Ministry of Labour has decided to relax the eligibility criteria for unemployed people. Under the ESIC Ministry of Labour's security plan, 50 percent of the last-paid wages under unemployment and the doubling of the support period over the next six months are seen as good news for workers.

At the same time it has decided to remove the condition that benefits that can only be obtained once in a lifetime, which have been in place to date, and to improve the duration of the benefit.

More than 32 million ESIC subscribers are expected to benefit from the scheme through the scheme, which is due to be submitted before the corporation meeting on the 20th of this month.

The prime minister's office has reportedly backed the idea, which will help save workers' livelihoods. The new plan calls for some changes to existing regulations to benefit large numbers of workers in the event of job losses.

Officials have leaked reports that a summary of the plan was submitted to the Prime Minister's Office last week and that it has been approved and will be tabled at the corporation meeting next Thursday (August 20).

A study by the Center for Monitoring the Indian Economy estimates that 121 million workers lost their jobs in the MSME sector in April alone, based on the fact that millions of workers lost their jobs during the epidemic.

This number is only the April number for the first month of the lock-down period. Although recovery began in May, by the end of June, 91 million jobs had been restored by a majority in June.

The plan calls for doubling the sum insured by 50% of the last earned salary, extending the benefit period from three months to six months, reducing the minimum work requirement from two years to 78 days, and withdrawing money under the scheme.

Under ESIC's Atal Bima Kalyan Yojana, the government provides 25 per cent of the monthly salary as unemployment benefit for three months. However, it is said that this offer is only valid for subscribers who have been ESIC subscribers for at least two years. At the same time unemployment benefit can only be availed by ESIC subscribers once in a lifetime.

ESI, under the Ministry of Labour, is a self-funded health insurance scheme for formal sector workers in India, administered by the State Insurance Corporation of Employees (ESIC). This applies to all factories and companies that have at least 10 workers. ESIC currently has about 31.9 million subscribers nationwide.