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## Special drive to enrol building workers: Nayini



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The Telangana State Government will take up a special drive to enrol building and other construction workers so that they could utilise the benefits under schemes initiated by the Government for their welfare.

Home and Labour Minister Nayini Narasimha Reddy told the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday that 9.49 lakh workers had been registered so far with the Telangana Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. The Government had so far disbursed Rs. 82.55 crore to 69,610 workers as part of various schemes. A special drive to enrol workers in construction, considered by and large an unorganised sector, would be launched next month, he said.

### **Amma Vodi**

Health Minister C. Lakshma Reddy said the Government was actively working out modalities for expanding 102 referral transport service all over the State in phases. The scheme was launched in tribal and remote areas initially to encourage women to opt for institutional delivery and it received overwhelming response.

He admitted that there was shortage of doctors in some areas and asserted that efforts were under way to recruit more doctors to facilitate effective medicare to the poor and needy. The Government was also considering incentive to mothers who opt for institutional delivery.

To another query, he said the Government was actively considering upgradation of hospitals at the headquarters of the newly formed districts. In this direction, instructions had been issued to officials to take steps for recruitment of doctors and other staff and these institutions could be operated from rented premises, if need be, for the time being.

### **Pension offices**

Finance Minister Etala Rajender expressed the Government's willingness to modernise certain pension payment offices where aged pensioners were facing difficulties for want of facilities.

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every year, he said the certificates could be submitted in banks or treasury offices. The

Government had taken steps to ensure that officials visited old age pensioners who were not in a position to visit these offices.

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