

■ Govt Plans to Widen Ambit of Swasthya Bima Yojana



NEW DELHI In a bid to provide insurance cover to more people hailing from vulnerable sections, government plans to widen the ambit

of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana. The scheme, which was reviewed by the Cabinet on Thursday, has already been extended to few segments of unorganised workers which include MNREGA beneficiaries, street vendors, domestic workers, beedi workers and those working in building and construction sites.

"..The scheme has been extended to a few segments of unorganised workers. In future, it is likely to be expanded to other segments of such workers," an official release said. The scheme was operationalised in April, 2008.