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Ministry of Labour & Employment

AMENDMENT TO MATERNITY BENEFIT ACT, 1961

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The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2008 to provide for (i) enhancing Medical Bonus from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 1,000/- if no pre-natal confinement and post-natal care is provided by the employer free of charge; and (ii) Granting powers to the Central Government to revise Medical Bonus before three years subject to a maximum of Rs. 20,000/- has been passed by the Parliament. The Bill has also received the assent of the President on 1st April, 2008 and has been published in the Gazette of India on 2nd April, 2008.

This information was given by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Shri Oscar Fernandes in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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