

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1856  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022**

**SCHEMES FOR BEEDI WORKERS**

**1856. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:  
SHRI M. SELVARAJ:  
SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:  
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:**

**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposals or schemes for women beedi workers and their children addressing their health, education and wellbeing concerns are in pipeline with the Government, if so, the details thereof and if not, the response of the Government thereto along with plan to implement any such proposal to support the beedi workers for their empowerment and protecting their rights in future;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that more than 8 million beedi workers, most of them women are in distressed condition and currently agitating for their long standing demands;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;**
- (d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve condition of these women beedi workers and to provide training in less hazardous condition for better paying jobs;**
- (e) the current welfare schemes available for the beedi workers;**
- (f) whether the Government has received any proposal to carry out an impact study of these schemes available for the beedi workers and whether these schemes are reaching them on ground level; and**
- (g) if so, the number of beedi workers benefited by the schemes during the last three years, Statewise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

**(a) to (g): Ministry of Labour and Employment implements a Labour Welfare Scheme for the Beedi workers and their family members. The scheme has three components namely Health, Scholarship & Housing. Details are as under:-**

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- (i) Health:- Health care facility is provided to Beedi workers and their family members with a network of 285 Dispensaries and 10 Hospitals located across the Country and also reimbursement of expenditure for specialized treatment under the Government recognized Hospitals in case of critical diseases i.e. Cancer, Tuberculosis, Heart Diseases, Kidney Transplantation, Hernia, Appendectomy, Ulcer Gynecological diseases and Prostrate diseases to the beneficiaries.**
- (ii) Scholarship:- Financial Assistance for education to the children of beedi workers from class-I to college/University ranging from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 25,000/- per student per annum, depending upon class.**
- (iii) Housing:- Subsidy of Rs.1,50,000/- (per beneficiary) in three (03) installments at 25:60:15 ratio i.e. Rs.37,500, Rs.90,000 and Rs.22,500 receptively for construction of pucca houses, under Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS) 2016. However, RIHS has now been converged with Pradhan Mantri Awash Yojana. The sunset date of RIHS is 31.03.2023.**

**Ministry of Labour & Employment in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship have been providing Skill Development training to the Beedi Workers and their dependents to engage them in alternative jobs.**

**The Labour Welfare Scheme is implemented across the country through Labour Welfare Organizations situated in 18 Regions and the number of workers benefited by the schemes, region wise for the last three years is attached at Annexure.**

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**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Un- Starred Question no 1856 For 19.12.2022.

Sl.No.	Region	Year	Number of Beedi Workers Benefited under the Labour Welfare Scheme		
			Health	Housing	Scholarship*
1	ALLAHABAD	2019-20	141568	43	0
		2020-21	139989	407	0
		2021-22	154090	328	244
2	AHMADABAD	2019-20	51832	447	96
		2020-21	35821	1017	0
		2021-22	58898	322	104
3	AJMER	2019-20	100338	256	529
		2020-21	73004	27	0
		2021-22	99950	967	593
4	BANGALORE	2019-20	294715	69	12416
		2020-21	180508	3	400
		2021-22	209546	10	17512
5	BHUBANESWAR	2019-20	407120	382	2724
		2020-21	217332	2343	0
		2021-22	263494	898	3165
6	HYDERABAD	2019-20	184414	91	12347
		2020-21	159809	255	1474
		2021-22	109450	120	21006
7	JABALPUR	2019-20	148951	384	829
		2020-21	116068	3017	0
		2021-22	157514	497	1260
8	NAGPUR	2019-20	153614	892	4715
		2020-21	66501	348	0
		2021-22	94128	250	3449
9	RANCHI	2019-20	56221	321	230
		2020-21	46776	1474	0
		2021-22	67107	833	109
10	PATNA	2019-20	27021	82	241
		2020-21	37080	1126	0
		2021-22	53960	303	369
11	RAIPUR	2019-20	42564	70	217
		2020-21	25324	85	0
		2021-22	30393	19	191
12	THIRUVANANTH APURAM	2019-20	35282	237	5112
		2020-21	14877	160	498
		2021-22	19458	103	4273
13	KOLKATA	2019-20	248932	0	95900
		2020-21	170943	75	7
		2021-22	195460	0	174951
14	GUWAHATI	2019-20	5006	323	0
		2020-21	4691	181	0
		2021-22	8289	146	294
15	CHENNAI	2019-20	367732	150	0
		2020-21	242572	315	21253
		2021-22	248819	28	17591
16	CHANDIGARH	No registered Beedi Workers in Chandigarh region.			
17	DEHARADUN	No registered Beedi Workers in Dehradun region.			
18.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	No registered Beedi Workers in Jammu and Kashmir region.			

\* It includes beneficiaries of Cine, Mica Miners(MICA), Iron Ore, Manganese Ore & Chrome Ore Miners(IOMC) and Limestone and Dolomite Minders(LSDM).

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