

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2407
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023**

ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD FOR CHILDREN ENGAGED IN BIDI ROLLING

2407. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of India has issued any advisory to the State Governments for strict enforcement of ban on engaging children under 18 years in bidi rolling in private and public dwellings, factories, etc., under the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act 1986 and Juvenile Justice Act, 2000;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government will declare beedi rolling as a hazardous employment and has any new proposal for creating profitable and healthy alternative employment opportunities to protect them from tobacco related diseases and to lead a healthy livelihood; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 as amended in 2016 inter-alia provides for complete prohibition of work or employment of children below 14 years of age in any occupation or process and prohibition of adolescents in the age group of 14 to 18 years in hazardous occupations and processes. The Part A of schedule of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 contains the list of hazardous occupations and processes in which adolescents are prohibited to work and children are prohibited to help. The work in beedi making or processing of tobacco has already been included in Part A of Schedule. The Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 ensures proper care, protection, development, treatment and social integration of the children in difficult circumstance by adopting a child friendly approach. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship conducts many skill development programmes to empower the people of the country with skill sets which make them more employable and more productive in different sectors.
