

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2493  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023**

**ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN BIDI  
WORKERS**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any assessment of number of women and children involved in the Bidi rolling work and the impact of the work on their health;**
- (b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof since 2018;**
- (c) whether Government runs any scheme for rehabilitation of the women working in the Bidi rolling industry to provide them safe and healthy alternative livelihood options;**
- (d) if so, the details of beneficiaries thereof; and**
- (e) whether Government runs any scheme for rehabilitation of the children to ensure that they are not engaged in harmful and hazardous labour?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): The Labour Welfare Scheme is implemented across the country through Labour Welfare Organizations situated in 18 Regions for welfare of the Beedi Workers and their family members. As per the data available, there are 49.82 lakh registered Beedi workers in the country out of which 36.25 lakh are women and no Child has been reported to be engaged in the Beedi Making industry. The number of women Beedi workers, region wise is attached at Annexure-I.**

**(c) & (d): Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship had been providing Skill Development training to the Beedi Workers and their dependents to engage them in alternative jobs from April, 2017 to March, 2020. The details of the beneficiaries under the Scheme from April, 2017 to March, 2020 are attached at Annexure – II.**

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**(e): The welfare of children of beedi workers is taken care of by the Labour Welfare Scheme. This Scheme has three components namely Health, Scholarship & Housing and the details are as under:-**

**(i) Health care facilities through 10 (Ten) Hospitals and 285 dispensaries. Reimbursement of expenditure for specialized treatments (i.e. Cancer, Tuberculosis, Heart Diseases, Kidney Transplantation).**

**(ii) 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/course.**

**(iii) 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.**

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**Annexure-I**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2493 to be answered on 10.08.2023.

Sl. No.	Region	Total number of beedi workers	Total number of women employed in beedi making	Total number of children employed in beedi making
1	Allahabad	412757	320514	No children have been engaged in Beedi Making
2	Ahmedabad	39011	6074	
3	Ajmer	38791	36793	
4	Bangalore	295511	214165	
5	Bhubaneswar	208212	180000	
6	Chandigarh	0	0	
7	Dehradun	0	0	
8	Hyderabad	458040	452336	
9	Jabalpur	440556	149844	
10	Nagpur	155089	102810	
11	Ranchi	136519	97972	
12	Patna	296972	206510	
13	Raipur	3893	3235	
14	Kolkata	189203	1738313	
15	Guwahati	24398	18519	
16	Tirunelveli	603076	61253	
17	Kannur	40276	36707	
18	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	
Total		49,82,294	36,25,045	

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) & (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2493 to be answered on 10.08.2023.

Status of Skill Development of Beedi Workers/Dependents													
Region	Training Completed (No. of Trainees)				Placement Provided								Total M+F (Placement)
					2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		Total		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total									
Ahmedabad	785	100	164	1049	513	220	2	0	0	8	515	228	743
Ajmer	0	30	35	65	0	0	0	0	5	30	5	30	35
Allahabad	2	46	35	83	0	0	0	4	14	1	14	5	19
Bengaluru	0	260	267	527	0	0	19	50	9	62	28	112	140
Bhubaneswar	298	870	1162	2330	10	64	72	330	517	343	599	737	1336
Guwahati	36	56	0	92	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
Hyderabad	0	217	202	419	0	0	1	4	6	18	7	22	29
Jabalpur	2	577	221	800	0	0	19	65	21	21	40	87	127
Kannur	10	0	5	15	3	3	3	3	0	1	6	7	13
Kolkata	182	136	65	383	0	12	29	36	8	9	37	57	94
Nagpur	0	296	130	426	0	0	0	0	18	10	18	10	28
Patna	3	177	50	230	2	1	19	5	3	2	24	8	32
Raipur	175	175	20	370	34	0	43	51	0	20	77	71	148
Ranchi	0	0	473	473	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tirunelveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total(1)	1493	2940	2829	7262	562	301	208	548	601	525	1371	1375	2746
Total(2)	-	-	-	-	863		756		1126		2746		-

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