

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2501  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023**

**IN-PATIENTS SCREENING FACILITY FOR CANCER FOR BEEDI  
WORKERS IN TAMIL NADU**

**2501. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has any policy proposal of upgrading the hospital run by the Ministry at Mukkudal Panchayat, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu with in-patients screening facility for cancer and lab facilities by delivering quality health care services for Beedi workers and their families;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Union Government will form committee to monitor the functioning of the hospital and to ensure delivery of better health care services to them with screening facilities under the chairmanship of District Collector; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): Ministry of Labour and Employment implements a Labour Welfare Scheme (Health, Scholarship & Housing) across the country through Labour Welfare Organizations (LWOs) situated in 18 Regions for the welfare of Beedi workers and their dependent family members. The details of the Labour Welfare Scheme (Health) are as under:-**

**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.**

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**The Central Hospital at Mukkudal is a 30 bedded Hospital for providing Health care facility to Beedi workers and their family members. The beneficiaries come for the treatment of Cancer, they are referred to the Government recognized Hospital for the treatment of Cancer and reimbursed the expenditure on the treatment upto Rs. 7,50,000/- to the beneficiary. However, at present there is no proposal under the consideration with the Government to upgrade the Central Hospital, Mukkudal into to Super Specialty Hospital.**

**(c) & (d): At present, there is no such proposal under the consideration to the Government. However, the Welfare Commissioners of all the regions under LWOs monitor/inspect the functions of the Hospitals/Dispensaries on regular interval of time.**

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