

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 887
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023**

SCHEMES FOR WOMEN BEEDI WORKERS

887. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposals for women Beedi workers and their children, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that out of more than 8 million Beedi workers, most of them are women, working in distressed conditions;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and**
- (d) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve condition of these women Beedi workers and to provide training in less hazardous condition for better paying jobs?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per the data available, there are 49.82 lakh registered Beedi workers in the country out of which 36.25 lakh are women. A number of welfare measures have been taken for the Beedi Workers and their family members, as follows:-

(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.

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(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.

(d): The Ministry of Labour and Employment in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship have been providing skill Development training to the Beedi Workers and their dependants to engage them in alternative jobs.

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