

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018**

STEPS TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS OF BEEDI WORKERS

3187. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME GOWDA:

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that majority of the beedi workers are suffering from multiple illness due to continuous exposure to tobacco and other hazardous substances and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the estimated number of employees associated with beedi industries during the last three years, State-wise and the names of countries to which beedi is being exported, quantity, value and countrywise;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps/concrete measures to improve the working conditions, health and other benefits of the employees particularly women associated with the beedi industries, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of funds allocated to different States for providing alternate livelihood for beedi workers during the last three years, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

- (a): No Specific cases of multiple illness of the beedi workers have been reported to this Ministry so far.**
- (b): Details are at Annexure-A.**
- (c): Various benefits are being provided to Beedi workers and their dependents under the Labour Welfare Scheme in the field of Health, Housing and Education. Details of such Schemes are at Annexure-B.**
- (d): Details are at Annexure-C.**

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) of the Lok Sabha USQ No. 3187 for answer on 31.12.2018 raised by Shri Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, Shri L.R. Shivaram Gowda and Smt. Anju Bala regarding Steps to Improve Working Conditions of Beedi Workers.

State/UT wise details of Beedi Workers

Sl.No.	Name of the Region	Name of State/UT	Total
1.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	42008
2.	Ajmer	Rajasthan	42813
3.	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	450228
4.	Bangalore	Karnataka	244412
5.	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	157753
6.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana	412984
7.	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	1054652
8.	Kolkata	West Bengal	1658401
		Tripura	13385
9.	Guwahati		9154
10.	Kannur	Kerala	32032
11.	Nagpur	Maharashtra	188550
		Goa	-
		Daman (UT)	-
		Dadra & Nagar Haveli (UT)	-
12.	Patna	Bihar	293916
13.	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	18757
14.	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	79905
15.	Ranchi	Jharkhand	113408
	Total		4812358

NAMES OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH BEEDI IS BEING EXPORTED, QUANTITY, VALUE AND COUNTRY WISE;

(QTY in Ton and Values IN USD)

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19(UPTO MAY'18)	
COUNTRY	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
U ARAB EMTS	146.61	2274787	288.97	4195132	188.57	3144984		
NETHERLAND ANTIL	26.29	137478	35.03	463286	34.00	763616		
AFGHANISTAN	12.20	114924	47.50	423102	48.39	518698		
ZAMBIA	21.80	282249	23.20	311329	66.08	451511	28.25	317942
SINGAPORE	50.16	255181	9.98	199338	12.51	276088		
NEPAL	16.95	31168	5.10	21528	17.54	133325	1.02	1890
SOUTH AFRICA	3.16	37064	2.34	25496	6.14	83919	5.00	23394
IRELAND	4.25	26020	16.00	93038	9.94	67314		
U S A	38.54	929352	12.95	306739	3.30	55385	0.57	4819
AUSTRALIA	5.19	35875	18.00	110971	18.37	52813	1.56	14175
SWITZERLAND	0.75	27107	3.81	135332	1.23	48749		
TRINIDAD	0.27	7511	1.04	27235	1.74	41892		
SRI LANKA DSR	1.75	16139	10.00	2641	14.65	37649	0.19	10356
SENEGAL					1.30	30482		
MALDIVES					1.52	21539		
SERBIA					1.60	9751		
RUSSIA	1.00	3657	6.30	58837	1.20	9698		
PERU					1.00	6453		
KOREA RP	0.82	5926			0.83	5967		
SAUDI ARAB			0.08	1270	0.40	3105		
URUGUAY					0.40	2276		
BANGLADESH PR			1.05	3098	0.71	2078		
CANADA	1.00	6785	2.30	13863	0.35	1215		
MAURITIUS	0.04	659	0.74	2332	0.14	1020		
COLOMBIA	0.30	2255			0.10	344		
UZBEKISTAN					0.06	144		
VIETNAM SOC REP					0.08	139		
MOZAMBIQUE					0.00	2		
ECUADOR							2.50	16075
ST LUCIA			0.21	4454			0.06	3031
ARGENTINA	1.00	25087	1.61	19425				
BAHAMAS	1.46	10997	3.20	8555				
BELGIUM			0.04	152				
CHILE	1.11	8326						

ESTONIA	2.40	8902						
GERMANY	1.48	11416						
GRENADA	0.02	756						
HONG KONG	4.73	24110	1.98	12537				
IRAN	21.50	214299	15.52	111813				
ISRAEL	2.00	9637	5.80	38792				
KAZAKHSTAN			0.13	209				
LESOTHO	0.09	1678						
LITHUANIA			8.00	22752				
MALAYSIA	1.95	9299	9.94	56635				
MONGOLIA	0.05	707						
NEW ZEALAND	6.02	12253	0.29	3576				
NIGERIA			0.13	740				
PHILIPPINES			0.03	66				
SPAIN	3.10	19076	9.38	76678				
U K	1.50	17620	0.00	1				
Grand Total	379.46	4568300	540.63	6750952	432.13	5770156	39.15	391682

NOTE: 2017-18 & 2018-19 FIGURES ARE PROVISIONAL.

Sources: Information as received from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

ANNEXURE B

Annexure referred to in reply of part (c) of the Lok Sabha USQ No. 3187 for answer on 31.12.2018 raised by Shri Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, Shri L.R. Shivaram Gowda and Smt. Anju Bala regarding Steps to Improve Working Conditions of Beedi Workers.

- i. **HEALTH SCHEMES:** Besides providing health care facilities to beedi workers and their families through 10 Hospitals and 286 Dispensaries, following assistance is being provided in case of certain critical diseases.

S.No.	PURPOSE	NATURE OF ASSISTANCE
1	Tuberculosis	Reservation of beds in T.B. Hospitals and domiciliary treatment for workers. Subsistence allowance of Rs. 750/- to Rs. 1000/- p.m is granted as per the advice of the treating physician.
2	Heart Diseases	Reimbursement of expenditure up to Rs. 1,30,000/- .
3	Kidney Transplantation	Reimbursement of expenditure up to Rs. 2,00,000/- .
4	Cancer	Reimbursement of actual expenses on treatment, medicines and diet charges incurred by workers, or their dependents for treatment through Govt. recognized hospitals.
5	Minor surgery like Hernia, Appendectomy, Ulcer Gynecological diseases and Prostrate diseases.	Reimbursement of expenditure up to Rs. 30,000/- .

- ii. **HOUSING SCHEME:** Under the revised Housing Subsidy scheme RIHS -2016 an amount of Rs. 1.5 lakh is being provided to Beedi workers as subsidy for helping them to build their own pucca houses.

- iii. **EDUCATIONAL SCHEME:**

SCHEME	NATURE OF ASSISTANCE			
Scheme for award of scholarships to the wards of the Beedi Workers.	Scholarship shall be awarded to the children of the workers at the following rates per student per year:-			
	Group	Class	Rates (in Rs.)	
			Girls	Boys
	Group I	Class I to IV	250	250
	Group II	Class V to VIII	940	500
	Group III	Class IX	1140	700
	Group IV	Class X	1840	1400
	Group V	Class XI to XII	2440	2000
	Group VI	Non-Professional Degree Courses; Non-Professional Post Graduate Courses; Two-Three Year Diploma Courses and BCA,BBA and PGDCA.	3000	3000
	Group VII	Professional Degree Courses i.e.B.E./B.Tech/MBBS/BAMS/BUMS/ B.Sc(Agriculture) and MCA/MBA.	15000	15000

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Details of Budget Allocated under Skill Development Programme in FY 2017-18 and 2018-19

Sl.No.	Name of the LWO Region	Name of State/UT Covered	Budget Allocated in 2017-18 (Rs. in Lakh)	Budget Allocated in 2018-19 (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	-	0.50
2.	Ajmer	Rajasthan	12.08	--
3.	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	9.81	--
4.	Bangalore	Karnataka	50	5
5.	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	19.97	10.75
6.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana	7	1.50
7.	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	8	21.50
8.	Kolkata	West Bengal	37.66	0.10
		Tripura	--	--
9.	Guwahati	Assam	10	--
10.	Kannur	Kerala	26.75	--
11.	Nagpur	Maharashtra	12.08	15.90
		Goa		
		Daman (UT)		
		Dadra & Nagar Haveli (UT)		
12.	Patna	Bihar	4.92	--
13.	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	12.03	11.75
14.	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	5.10	--
15.	Ranchi	Jharkhand	5	--
	Total		220.4	67

* This programme was initiated w.e.f. 01.04.2017. Budget allocation has been under the head "Education-Other Charges".