

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 678
ANSWERED ON – 06/02/2023

SKILL TRAINING FOR BIDI WORKERS

678. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for allocation of budget for alternative livelihood for the bidi workers under skill training component for bidi workers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the status of the implementation of skill development programme to provide alternative livelihood to bidi workers initiated in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Employment and National Skill Development Corporation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) and (b) Ministry of Labour & Employment in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development initiated a Special Project for providing training programmes to the bidi workers and their dependents, for securing better lives with alternative livelihood. The project involves payment of stipend which is one's day minimum wage for a day, and reimbursement of actual travel expenses incurred during travelling between trainee residences and training centre, for loss of earning to the bidi workers while he/she attends skill training. However, due to Covid-19, training to Bidi workers and their dependents was not continued as the bidi workers did not show interest in the training programme under the project.

(c) As per data available with Ministry of Labour and Employment as on 14.07.2022, the State-wise details of the number of Bidi workers who have been skilled under the programme are given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFER TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 678 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

State-wise/District wise details of the number of Bidi workers as on 14.07.2022

State	District	No. Of Bidi Workers trained
Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad	32
	Raebareli	3
Chhattisgarh	Dhamtari	58
	Kanker	39
	Rajnandgaon	39
	Raipur	44
Karnataka	Bangalore	45
	Ramnagar	132
	Dakshin Kannada	178
	Mysore	25
	Kolar	3
	Belgaum	35
	Tumkur	37
	Udupi	26
	Chamarajnagar	12
	Dharwad	5
	Yadgir	43
	Mandya	1
Rajasthan	Kota	150
	Baran	100
	Tonk	60
	Ajmer	297
	Bundi	54
	Churu	57
	SawaiMadhopur	50
	Karoli	30
Kerala	Kannur	8
Andra Pradesh	Prakasam	2
Telangana	RajannaSircilla	3
	Nizamabad	24
Bihar	Muzaffarpur	220
	Patna	40
	Samastipur	20
	Jamui	41
West Bengal	Kolkata	132

	North 24 Parganas	469
	South 24 Parganas	154
	Murshidabad	49
	Birbhum	38
	Nadia	17
	Cooch Behar	45
	Uttar Dinajpur	10
	East Midnapur	32
	West Midnapur	14
	Purulia	14
	Bankura	63
Maharashtra	Bhandra	98
	Gondia	167
Assam	Dhubri	91
Odisha	Angul	449
	Baleswar	87
	Bhadrak	2
	Cuttack	49
	Deogarh	737
	Dhenkanal	16
	Khorda	3
	Jharsuguda	2
	Malkangiri	7
	Mayurbhanj	28
	Nayagarh	283
	Sambalpur	424
	Sonpur	14
Jharkhand	Deoghar	74
	Chatra	43
	Pakur	207
	Chakardharpur	74
Tamilnadu	Tirunelveli	149
Gujrat	Ahmedabad	157
	Anand	224
	Vadodara	125
	Mehsana	323
	Patan	75
	BanasKantha	83
Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	614
	Sagar	76
	Damoh	180
	Satna	37
	Rewa	8

Burhanpur	38
Bhopal	24
Balaghat	9
Ujjain	7
Gwalior	6
Narsingpur	132
