

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4673
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020**

BEEDI WORKERS

**4673. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

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

- (a) the estimated number of employees associated with Beedi industries, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the names of the countries to which Beedi was exported during each of the last three years and the current year along with foreign revenues earned therefrom, country-wise;**
- (c) whether it is a fact 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;**
- (d) the details of the schemes/measures taken by the Government to improve the working conditions and health of the Beedi workers particularly women;**
- (e) the details of the funds allocated by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and**
- (f) the further steps being taken by the Government to improve the working conditions of Beedi workers?**

ANSWER

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

(a): The data on estimated number of employees associated with Beedi industries is not maintained centrally, however, the number of Beedi workers involved in Beedi rolling occupation is at Annexure – 'A'.

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(b): The country-wise Beedi exported for the period from the FY 2016-17 to FY 2019-20 and foreign revenues earned therefrom is enclosed at Annexure – ‘B’.

(c): Health scheme facilities under Ministry of Labour & Employment specifically address the health issues & illnesses among the beedi workers.

(d): The details of the schemes / measures taken by the Government to improve the working conditions and health of all the Beedi workers (not specific to any gender) are given below:

Health Scheme

Health care facilities are being provided to Beedi workers and to their dependents through 10 Hospitals and 286 Dispensaries located across the country. Expenditure for specialized treatment taken by Beedi workers and their dependents under Government recognized Hospitals in case of critical disease are reimbursed.

Housing Scheme

A subsidy of Rs. 1,50,000/- was released in three installments on 25:60:15 ratio (First as advance, second on reaching the lintel level and third after receipt of inspection report that the construction of houses has been completed in all respect) for construction of houses to Beedi workers. Under this scheme, subsidy is released through DBT.

Now, the scheme is converged with the universal Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Scholarship Scheme

Financial assistance for education, ranging from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 15,000/- per annum is being given to the wards of Beedi workers who have put in at least six months of continuous service.

(e): The details of the funds allocated by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, region-wise, is at Annexure – ‘C’.

(f): Apart from the schemes given in the reply of part (d) of the question, the Beedi workers, being a part of unorganised workers are also entitled to the following benefits:

(i) The converged scheme of Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) is being implemented to provide for life and disability cover to such workers, depending upon their eligibility. Government of India and State Government pay the annual premium in equal share.

(ii) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana for old age protection in the form of minimum assured monthly pension of Rs. 3,000/- on attaining the age of 60 years. The unorganised workers in the age group of 18-40 years whose monthly income of Rs.15,000/- or less and not a member of EPFO / ESIC / NPS (Govt. funded) can join the scheme. It is a contributory scheme wherein 50% of the monthly contribution is payable by the beneficiary and equal matching contribution is paid by the Central Government.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4673 for 23.03.2020 regarding Beedi Workers.

State / UT / region - wise details of registered Beedi Workers

Sl.No.	Name of Region	Name of State/UT	Total
1.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	39011
2.	Ajmer	Rajasthan	38791
3.	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	412757
4.	Bangalore	Karnataka	295501
5.	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	208212
6.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana	458040
7.	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	440556
8.	Kolkata	West Bengal	1829203
9.	Guwahati		24398
10.	Kannur	Kerala	40276
11.	Nagpur	Maharashtra	155089
12.	Patna	Bihar	296972
13.	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	3893
14.	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	603076
15.	Ranchi	Jharkhand	136519
	Total		49,82,294

Annexure – ‘B’

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4673 for 23rd March, 2020 regarding Beedi Workers.

Export of Beedi from India to different countries during the last three Financial Years and current Financial Year (April-December)

ITCHS Code	Description	Country of Export	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (Apr-Dec)	
			Qty in Ton	Val in Million US\$	Qty in Ton	Val in Million US\$	Qty in Ton	Val in Million US\$	Qty in Ton	Val in Million US\$
24031921	BIRIS, OTHER THAN PAPER ROLLED BIRIS, MANUFACTURED WITHOUT THE AID OF MACHINE	AFGHANISTAN	47.50	0.42	38.39	0.50	32.00	0.37	14.00	0.24
		ARGENTINA	0.11	0.00					0.60	0.01
		BAHAMAS					0.00	0.00		
		GRENADA					0.02	0.00	1.64	0.04
		IRAN	15.52	0.11						
		KENYA					0.00	0.00		
		MALAYSIA	9.94	0.06			8.60	0.12		
		MAURITIUS	0.74	0.00						
		MONTSERRAT					0.04	0.00	0.01	0.00
		MOZAMBIQUE			0.00	0.00				
		NAMIBIA							0.18	0.00
		NEPAL	0.64	0.00	6.87	0.11	0.42	0.01		
		NETHERLAND					0.70	0.01		
		NETHERLANDANTIL	23.01	0.38	31.60	0.75	13.40	0.23	2.62	0.02
		NEW ZEALAND					0.02	0.00		
		OMAN							5.30	0.11
		PANAMA REPUBLIC					4.00	0.11		
		PERU			1.00	0.01				
		SENEGAL			1.30	0.03	0.70	0.02		
		SIERRA LEONE					0.01	0.00		
SINGAPORE	6.08	0.13	11.69	0.26	32.48	0.86	14.54	0.27		
SOMALIA					0.03	0.00	12.00	0.30		
SOUTH AFRICA	0.11	0.00	5.44	0.07	41.60	0.29	1.40	0.03		
SRI LANKA DSR	10.00	0.00			34.01	0.55				
ST LUCIA	0.21	0.00			0.06	0.00				

		SWITZERLAND	2.37	0.08	0.53	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.25	0.01
		TANZANIA REP					10.00	0.16		
		TRINIDAD	1.04	0.03	1.20	0.03	1.57	0.04	8.05	0.18
		U ARAB EMTS	271.55	4.10	187.79	3.12	183.32	3.51	50.89	0.68
		U S A	8.36	0.19	2.00	0.04	3.57	0.11	1.60	0.04
		YEMEN REPUBLC							8.45	0.19
		ZAMBIA	23.20	0.31	65.03	0.44	106.40	1.32	96.41	1.69
24031929	OTHER BIRIS	AFGHANISTAN			10.00	0.02				
		AUSTRALIA	3.40	0.03	1.60	0.00				
		BELGIUM	0.04	0.00						
		KAZAKHSTAN					0.05	0.00		
		NAMIBIA							1.60	0.01
		NEPAL	3.87	0.02	9.35	0.02	2.75	0.01	6.30	0.02
		NETHERLANDANTIL	0.50	0.00						
		NEW ZEALAND	0.24	0.00						
		PHILIPPINES	0.03	0.00						
		SAUDI ARAB	0.08	0.00	0.40	0.00				
		SOUTH AFRICA	2.18	0.02	0.68	0.01				
		SRI LANKA DSR			14.00	0.00				
		ST KITT N A					0.04	0.00		
		ST LUCIA					0.07	0.00	0.06	0.00
		SWITZERLAND	0.70	0.03						
		TRINIDAD							1.63	0.04
		U ARAB EMTS	6.46	0.05			1.00	0.01		
		U S A	1.72	0.05	0.84	0.01	0.29	0.00	0.04	0.00
		ZAMBIA			1.00	0.01	0.83	0.01		
		Total Export of Biri	439.60	6.03	390.70	5.44	478.00	7.75	227.56	3.89

Figures for 2019-20 are provisional and subject to change

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

Annexure – ‘C’

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4673 for 23rd March, 2020 regarding Beedi Workers.

(Rs. in thousand)

Regions	Grand Total BE 2016-17
Head quarters	559319
Ajmer	164402
Allahabad	127268
Bangalore	479758
Bhubaneswar	241272
Hyderabad	439867
Jabalpur	277796
Ranchi	190327
Kolkata	406077
Nagpur	138314
Total	3024400

Regions	Grand Total BE 2017-18
Head quarters	1657132
Ajmer	184051
Allahabad	151266
Bangalore	273784
Bhubaneswar	241074
Hyderabad	359009
Jabalpur	308483
Ranchi	218123
Kolkata	250151
Nagpur	126083
Total	3800000

Regions	Grand Total BE 2018-19
Head quarters	579477
Ahmedabad	100438
Ajmer	79669
Chandigarh	2703
Dehradun	11294
Allahabad	73006
Kannur	45022
Bangalore	164353
Barbil	30655

Bhubaneswar	151047
Tirunelveli	105819
kalichedu	5120
Hyderabad	113535
Raipur	55970
Indore	2451
Jabalpur	163892
Patna	97361
Barajamda	17745
Guwahati	86317
Karma	73073
Kolkata	302384
Nagpur	159769
Total	2421600

Regions	Grand Total BE 2019-20
Head quarters	257050
Ahmedabad	77416
Ajmer	113300
Chandigarh	3810
Dehradun	8457
Allahabad	106693
Kannur	49338
Bangalore	200000
Barbil	57477
Bhubaneswar	131853
Tirunelveli	131942
kalichedu	9670
Hyderabad	151218
Raipur	65428
Indore	4900
Jabalpur	188229
Patna	91587
Barajamda	22415
Guwahati	235556
Karma	270
Kolkata	257965
Nagpur	205426
Total	2370000
