

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4357
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

BIDI WORKERS

†4357. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) the State-wise number of the bidi workers working in the bidi industries and the number of women and children therein;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any step to ensure minimum wages, education for children and benefits of health schemes to improve the condition of workers working in this hazardous industry; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Details of the State-wise number of the bidi workers working in the bidi industries and the number of women therein is at annexure - I. No Children have been engaged in Bidi making

(b) to (c): The Bidi making does not come under Scheduled Employments in Central Sphere and fall under the jurisdiction of State Sphere.

Healthcare facilities are provided to the bidi workers and their dependents through 10 Hospitals and 286 Dispensaries.

Financial Assistance for Education is provided to the wards of the bidi workers ranging from Rs.250/- to Rs.15,000/- depending upon their class/courses.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha UnStarred Question No. 4357 to be answered on 22.03.2021.

Sl. No.	Region	Total Number of Bidi workers working in the bidi industries	Total number of women employed in bidi making
1	Allahabad	412757	320514
2	Ahmadabad	39011	6074
3	Ajmer	38791	3574
4	Bangalore	295501	213165
5	Bhubaneswar	208212	179400
6	Chandigarh	0	0
7	Dehradun	0	0
8	Hyderabad	458040	408755
9	Jabalpur	440556	149949
10	Nagpur	155089	102810
11	Ranchi	136519	97972
12	Patna	296972	206510
13	Raipur	3893	3188
14	Kolkata	1829203	1441173
15	Guwahati	24398	18519
16	Tirunelveli	603076	449849
17	Cannanore	40276	24210
	Total	4982294	3625662
