

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 302
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

WELFARE SCHEMES FOR BEEDI WORKERS

***302. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:**

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

- (a) the details of the current welfare schemes available for the beedi workers;**
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal to carry out an impact study of these schemes available for the beedi workers and whether these are reaching them on ground;**
- (c) if so, the number of beedi workers benefited by the schemes for the last three years, State-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government has any new proposal for creating alternative employment opportunities for the beedi workers; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to announce special schemes for the women beedi workers in order to ensure protection of their health from the tobacco threat and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *302 FOR 08.08.2022 RAISED BY SHRI M. SELVARAJ REGARDING WELFARE SCHEMES FOR BEEDI WORKERS.

(a) to (e): Ministry of Labour and Employment runs a Labour Welfare Scheme for the Beedi workers and their family members. The scheme has three components namely Health, Scholarship & Housing. Details are as under:-

(i) Health:- Health care facility is provided with a network of 285 Dispensaries and 10 Hospitals located across the Country. There is also a provision for reimbursement of expenditure for specialized treatment under the Government recognized hospitals in case of critical diseases i.e. Cancer, Tuberculosis, Heart Diseases, Kidney Transplantation, Hernia, Appendectomy, Ulcer, Gynecological diseases and Prostrate diseases to the beneficiaries. The scheme covers both men and women beedi workers.

(ii) Scholarship:- There is provision for Financial Assistance for education to the wards 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.

(iii) Housing:- 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 respectively for construction of own pucca houses, under Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS). However, RIHS has now been converged with Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The sunset of RIHS is 31.03.2023.

The Labour Welfare Scheme is implemented across the country through Labour Welfare Organizations situated in 17 Regions. The number of Beedi workers benefited by the schemes, region wise for the last three years is attached at Annexure. No separate data is maintained for wards of beedi workers under scholarship scheme.

Ministry of Labour & Employment in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship have been providing Skill Development training to the Beedi Workers and their dependents to engage them in alternative jobs.

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Sl.No.	Region	Year	Number of Beedi Workers Benefited under the Labour Welfare Scheme	
			Health	Housing
1	ALLAHABAD	2019-20	141568	43
		2020-21	139989	407
		2021-22	154090	328
2	AHMADABAD	2019-20	51832	447
		2020-21	35821	1017
		2021-22	58898	322
3	AJMER	2019-20	100338	256
		2020-21	73004	27
		2021-22	99950	967
4	BANGALORE	2019-20	294715	69
		2020-21	180508	3
		2021-22	209546	10
5	BHUBANESWAR	2019-20	407120	382
		2020-21	217332	2343
		2021-22	263494	898
6	HYDERABAD	2019-20	184414	91
		2020-21	159809	255
		2021-22	109450	120
7	JABALPUR	2019-20	148951	384
		2020-21	116068	3017
		2021-22	157514	497
8	NAGPUR	2019-20	153614	892
		2020-21	66501	348
		2021-22	94128	250
9	RANCHI	2019-20	56221	321
		2020-21	46776	1474
		2021-22	67107	833
10	PATNA	2019-20	27021	82
		2020-21	37080	1126
		2021-22	53960	303
11	RAIPUR	2019-20	42564	70
		2020-21	25324	85
		2021-22	30393	19
12	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	2019-20	35282	237
		2020-21	14877	160
		2021-22	19458	103
13	KOLKATA	2019-20	248932	0
		2020-21	170943	75
		2021-22	195460	0
14	GUWAHATI	2019-20	5006	323
		2020-21	4691	181
		2021-22	8289	146
15	CHENNAI	2019-20	367732	150
		2020-21	242572	315
		2021-22	248819	28
16	CHANDIGARH	No registered Beedi Workers in Chandigarh region.		
17	DEHARADUN	No registered Beedi Workers in Dehradun region.		