

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

BEEDI INDUSTRY AND CHILD LABOUR PREVENTION

2272. SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA:

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

- (a) the details of individuals engaged in beedi making in Andhra Pradesh State, especially in Anantapur district, classified gender-wise and age-wise, as per the latest available data;**
- (b) whether a significant number of minor children are engaged in the process of beedi making;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent and eliminate child labour in this sector and measures implemented to rehabilitate and provide education to children withdrawn from beedi making;**
- (d) the details of social security provisions for beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh, Specially in Anantapur district; and**
- (e) the details of skill development training provided to beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh, especially in Anantapur district during the last five years including the number of beneficiaries, types of skills taught and outcomes of these programmes?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (d): As per data available, the details of Beedi Workers registered with Labour Welfare Organisation, Hyderabad in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

Total	Male	Female	Children
68,819	11,070	57,749	Nil

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As per available information, no minor children are engaged in Beedi industry.

Labour Welfare Scheme for Beedi Workers and their dependents is one of the social security provisions for them. The details are as below: -

- (i) Health care facility is provided to Beedi Workers and their dependents with a network of 279 Dispensaries and 10 Hospitals located across the Country. Reimbursement of expenditure for specialized treatment in 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 are also provided to the beneficiaries.**
- (ii) Financial Assistance for education to the children 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, is given.**

The Ministry is also facilitating access of various Social Security Schemes being implemented by various Ministries/Departments for the benefit of the unorganized workers, including Beedi Workers, through e-Shram Portal.

(e): Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship imparted Skill Development training to the Beedi Workers and their dependents under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

During the period from April 2017 to March 2020, 419 Beedi workers and their dependents were trained, 29 were employed in alternative jobs in the Hyderabad region.
