

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016**

REHABILITATION OF BEEDI WORKERS

†*202. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether closure of beedi factories/units has impacted the livelihood of the beedi workers and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to rehabilitate and provide alternative employment to the beedi workers rendered unemployed due to closure of beedi factories and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred in this regard and beneficiaries therefrom, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide education and vocational training to such workers and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the other social security schemes being implemented for the benefit of beedi workers in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 202 FOR 01.08.2016 BY SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA REGARDING REHABILITATION OF BEEDI WORKERS.

- a) No Madam. However, it is stated that several representations were received from the organisations representing Beedi Workers and Manufactures regarding the adverse consequences of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Notification No. GSR/727(E) dated 15.10.2014 prescribing 85% pictorial warning on the Beedi packets. In this regard a meeting was held with all stake holders on 21.04.2016 under my chairmanship and the concern of this Ministry was conveyed to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- b) & c) The Ministry of Labour and Employment has taken steps to impart vocational training to the Beedi Workers through modular employment scheme to provide them alternative source of income to improve their livelihood. The details of beneficiaries along with expenditure State/UT wise are at **Annexure-A**.
- d) The details of other social security schemes being implemented by this Ministry for the benefit of Beedi workers is at **Annexure B**.

ANNEXURE-A

Director General (Labour Welfare) office of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, is currently administering different schemes under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund for the welfare of Beedi Workers.

At present there are 17 Welfare Commissioners covering all the States for effective implementation of the fund. Since the traditional employment of beedi making is perishing slowly an endeavor to provide alternate employment to beedi workers has been initiated in the year 2008-09.

2. As a part of this initiative a project to provide vocational training to these workers have been initiated in the different regions of Labour Welfare Organisation with the help of the various agencies working for this purpose.

3. As a result of the initiatives undertaken by the Welfare Commissioners some beedi workers have been provided with alternate employment. In some of the regions this scheme is still continuing and efforts are being taken to provide sufficient fund to run the scheme in all the regions. The region-wise initiatives undertaken by the Welfare Commissioners since 2008-09 are as under:

Bhubaneswar Region (Orissa)		
Year	No. of Participants	Expenditure (in Rs.)
2008-09	290	229600
2009-10	533	391200
2010-11	83	66400
2011-12	210	168000
2012-13	52	41600
2013-14	49	39200
Total	1217	936000

Ranchi Region (Jharkhand and Bihar)		
Year	No. of Participants	Expenditure (in Rs.)
2011-12	60	24000
2012-13	80	32000
2013-14	40	16000
Total	180	72000

Jabalpur Region (Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh)		
Year	No. of Participants	Expenditure (in Rs.)
2010-11	310	62000
2011-12	80	16000
Total	390	78000

Bangalore Region (Karnataka)		
Year	No. of Participants	Expenditure (in Rs.)
2008-09	89	17800
Total	89	17800

Hyderabad Region (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana)		
Year	No. of Participants	Expenditure (in Rs.)
2008-09	30	108000
Total	30	108000

Nagpur Region (Maharashtra)		
Year	No. of Participants	Expenditure (in Rs.)
2008-09	83	117000
2009-10	76	148800
2010-11	33	64035
2011-12	24	43200
2012-13	25	48125
2013-14	25	48125
Total	266	469285

4. The detailed information of vocational training course wise and region wise are as under:

(a)Bhubaneswar:-

Year	Name of the Course	No. of Participants	Expenditure(in Rs.)
2008-09	Fabrication	79	Rs.2,29,600/-
	Agriculture	08	
	Electrical	48	
	Tailoring	155	
2009-10	Tailoring	400	Rs.3,91,200/-
	Bicycle & Tricycle repairing	01	
	Repairing and Home appliance	24	
	House Wiring	60	
	Information & technology	03	
	Basic Computer	33	
	Basic Electrical training	05	
	Rewinding & Testing of AC/DC motor	01	
	Gas pipe welding	05	
Basic Fabrication work	01		
2010-11	Basic Electrical	25	Rs.66,400/-
	Basic tailoring	58	

2011-12	Welding	45	Rs.1,68000/-
	Tailoring	165	
2012-13	Tailoring	52	Rs.41,600/-
2013-14	Tailoring	21	Rs.39,200/-
	Welding	28	
Grand Total		1217	Rs. 9,36,000/-

(b) Nagpur:-

Year	Name of the Course	No.of Participants	Place	Expenditure(in Rs.)
2009-10	Machine embroidery Operator 210 Hours	43	Solapur	Rs.64,500/-
	Tailor (basic Sewing Operator) 270 hours	25	Solapur	Rs.37,500
	Basics of Beauty & Hair Dressing 150 Hours	15	Solapur	Rs. 15,000
210-11	Garment Making –Tailor	24	Solapur	Rs. 93,600/-
	Information & Communication Technology	52	Solapur	Rs.55,200/-
2011-12	Information Technology-Tally	15	Tirora	Rs. 27,000/-
	Garment Making- Basic Sewing Operator	09	Tirora	Rs. 16,200/-
	Information & Communication Technology	09	Ahmednagar	Rs.20,835/-
2013-13	Information Technology-Tally	15	Tirora	Rs. 27000/-
	Garment Making- Basic Sewing Operator	09	Tirora	Rs.16,200/-
2013-14	Garment Makin-Tailor	25	Tirora	Rs.48,125/-
2014-15	Skill development	25	Tirora	Rs.48,125/-
Grand Total		266		Rs.4,69,285/-

All the training programmes have been conducted by industrial Training institutes (ITI's) of the Government of Maharashtra except at Tirora (conducted during 2013-14), this training was conducted by M/s. Indrayani Technical institute, who have been nominated as the authorized agency by Government of Maharashtra for the purpose.

(c) Ranchi

Year	Name of the Course	No.of Participants	Place	Expenditure(in Rs.)
2011	Agarbati Making	20	Patna	Rs.8000/-
	Agarbati Making	20	Muzaffarpur	Rs.8000/-
	Agarbati Making	20	Barh	Rs.8000/-
2012	Paper Making	20	Patna	Rs.8000/-
	Paper Making	20	Muzaffarpur	Rs.8000/-
	Paper Making	20	Barh	Rs.8000/-
	Paper Making	20	Dalsingsarai	Rs.8000/-
2013	Paper Making	20	Chatra	Rs.8000/-
	Paper Making	20	Chakardharpur	Rs.8000/-
Grand Total		180		Rs. 72,000/-

The Labour Welfare Organisation had organised this training with the help of Khadi Village Industries Commission, Patna.

(d) Jabalpur

Year	Name of the Course	No.of Participants	Place	Expenditure(in Rs.)
2010-11	Soft toys, Agarbatti&Mombatti making	60	Shankargrh, Sagar	Rs.12000/-
		64	Rehli, Sagar	Rs.12,800/-
		50	Khurai, Sagar	Rs.10,000/-
		56	Garhakota, Sagar	Rs.11200/-
		80	Deori, Sagar	Rs.16,000/-
2011-12		80	Central Hospital, Sagar	Rs.16,000/-
Grand Total		390		78,000

(e) Bangalore:-

Year	Name of the Course	No.of Participants	Place	Expenditure(in Rs.)
2008-09	SalwarKameez making	89	Beedi Workers colony at Kengeri Bangalore	Rs. 17,800/-
Grand Total		89		Rs.17,800/-

The Labour Welfare Organisation had organised this training with the help of Regional Vocational Training Institute for women, Government of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment Hosur Road, and Bangalore.

Also, after this training the union leader of the area had talks with nearby garment factory owners, who promised to give their work to these workers and 75% of these workers are now employed in the nearby garment factories.

(f) Hyderabad

Year	Name of the Course	No.of Participants	Place	Expenditure(in Rs.)
2008-09	Tailoring	30	Karimnagar	Rs.1,08,000/-

In addition to the above Government of India has started skill development programme to provide skill training to these workers. Recently the Ministry of Labour & Employment has also enhanced the stipend amount for the wards of beedi workers who are undergoing ITI training to Rs. 10,000/- per annum.

5. Gender wise details of Participant of Vocational Training are as under:

Number of Participant	
Male	1093
Female	1079
Total	2172

SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES FOR BEEDI WORKERS

The following financial assistance under are being provided to the beedi workers and their families:-

1. **Group Insurance** :

Beedi Workers are covered under group insurance scheme wherein a financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- in case of natural death/- and Rs. 25,000/- in case of accidental death is given by LIC.

2. **Financial assistance to the daughters of Widow/widowers of beedi workers.**

Financial assistance of Rs. 5000/- is given to the widow/widower of the beedi workers under social security scheme for wedding of their first two daughters.

3. **Funeral expenses:**

An amount of Rs. 1500/- is given for the funeral expenses of the deceased workers.
