

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.04.2010
ANSWERED ON
EFFORTS MADE TO HELP BEEDI WORKERS .

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SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA

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

- (a) the specific new initiatives taken by Government to map the areas where there are large clusters of beedi workers and plan welfare schemes;
- (b) the State-wise efforts made by Government to help beedi workers during 2009-10;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has not given any emphasis to plan specially tailored schemes for the women beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bengal;
- (d) the reasons for the benign neglect of beedi and tobacco workers in 2008-09 and 2009-10; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken to introduce new schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Various welfare schemes in the fields of Health-care, Education, Housing, Recreation and Social Security are being implemented for providing benefits to the beedi workers all over India. State Governments have been requested to conduct fresh survey to identify the genuine beedi workers.

(b): The information is as per Statement annexed.