

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO 212

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019

Steps to improve working conditions of Beedi workers

212. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that majority of the Beedi workers are suffering from multiple illness due to continuous exposure to tobacco and other hazardous substances, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any concrete measures to improve the working conditions of the employees particularly women associated with the beedi industries, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is implementing/proposes to implement any scheme for providing alternative livelihood for such women and children, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated to States for providing alternate livelihood for Beedi workers during last two years?

Answer

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

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 FOR REPLY ON 02.01.2019 RAISED BY SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR REGARDING STEPS TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS OF BEEDI WORKERS.

- a) No Specific cases of multiple illnesses of the beedi workers have been reported to this Ministry so far.
- b) This Ministry is implementing various Welfare Schemes for the welfare of beedi workers and their dependants including women workers in the field of Health, Housing and Education. Details of the Schemes are at Annexure-A.
- c) This Ministry has initiated a Skill Development Programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and National Skill Development Corporation to provide alternative livelihood to beedi workers and their dependents including women workers to enhance their life standards. A total of 3620 beneficiaries have availed the Skill Development Training in 31 different courses as on 31.08.2018 out of which, 461 beneficiaries have been provided alternative jobs. Details are at Annexure-B
- d) Details are at Annexure-C.

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