

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3495
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022
WELFARE OF TOBACCO WORKERS**

†3495. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme for the welfare of tobacco workers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (c): There is a Labour Welfare Scheme for upliftment and welfare of Beedi workers and their family members. The scheme has three components namely Health, Scholarship & Housing. The details are as follows:

(i) Health: Health care facility is provided to Beedi workers and their family members with a network of 285 dispensaries and 10 hospitals located across the country. There is also 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.

(ii) Scholarship: 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). RIHS has now been converged with Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
