

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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SCHEMES FOR BIDI WORKERS

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Bidi workers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the various schemes introduced by the Government for the welfare of these workers; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries of these schemes, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

- (a) : A statement indicating the number of beedi workers, State-wise, is attached at ANNEXURE-I.
- (b) : Government is implementing various welfare schemes under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, in the fields of Health, Housing, Social Security, Education and Recreation for the benefits of beedi workers and their dependants. A list of such schemes is attached at ANNEXURE-II.
- (c) : Data regarding number of beneficiaries is not maintained State-wise. A list indicating the number of beneficiaries Region-wise, during the year 1999-2000 is attached at ANNEXURE-III.