

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF BAN ON SMOKING ON LIVELLHOOD OF BEEDI WORKERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of ban on smoking in public places on the livelihood and employment of Beedi workers;
- (b) if so,the details thereof;
- (c) whether the All India Beedi Industry Federation has submitted a representation to the Union Government for removal of ban on smoking in view of its impact on beedi industry and workers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): A representation dated 27.8.2008 was received from all India Beedi Industry Federation. In this representation the Federation opposed the alleged move by the Government to persuade tobacco growers to shift to alternative crops.This representation does not mention about the removal of ban on smoking.