

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:252
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2010
REDRESSAL OF PROBLEMS OF BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of male and female beedi workers working at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether they are still facing certain problems despite the various welfare schemes being implemented for them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to redress their grievances;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the number of beedi workers who have lost their job during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government for their rehabilitation and re-employment?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 252 FOR 15.3.2010 BY SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL AND SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI REGARDING REDRESSAL OF PROBLEMS OF BEEDI WORKERS.

(a): There are approximately 15.01 lakh male beedi workers and approximately 40.37 lakh female beedi workers in the country. The State-wise details are given in Annexure.

(b) & (c): The issues raised by beedi workers are sorted out from time to time. Based on the feedback, the schemes are also revised periodically to cater to the needs of the beneficiaries on the basis of the feedback.

(d): No assessment has been carried out in this regard.

(e): Various vocational training courses for the beedi workers have been organized to facilitate alternative sources of livelihood.