

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

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ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide alternative vocations/livelihood to beedi workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the States that have initiated such programmes indicating the number of beedi workers who have been shifted to alternative vocations, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a): The Ministry of Labour & Employment has initiated action for rehabilitation of the beedi workers by providing them vocational training in certain courses according to the local market needs for viable alternative sources of livelihood.
- (b) & (c): Details of the training programmes conducted at various places is given in Annexure. No record has been maintained regarding the number of beedi workers who have been shifted to alternative vocations.