

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:105
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2010
SPECIAL PACKAGE TO BEEDI INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the beedi industry is reeling under acute financial crunch and is on the verge of being declared sick thereby adversely affecting the workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide special packages for beedi/sick beedi industries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government for addressing the problems of beedi workers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER 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 PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.105 FOR 02-08-2010 BY SHRI P.KARUNAKARAN REGARDING SPECIAL PACKAGE TO BEEDI INDUSTRY

(a) & (b): Available data does not indicate acute financial crunch.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.

(e): It has been the endeavor of the Government to provide social security to the beedi workers during the past few decades. This is undertaken through various welfare schemes in the fields of health, education, housing, recreation, social security and vocational training.