

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2036  
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CESS FROM BEEDI WORKERS  
Panda Shri Prabodh

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

- (a) whether a large amount of cess is collected from beedi production and sales by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any portion of this cess is spent on the welfare of beedi workers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether various organisations of beedi workers are demanding that at least 50 per cent of the cess should be spent for beedi worker's; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof with Governments reaction thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b) to (d): The statement is annexed.
- (e): As per the available information, no such demand has been received as the entire cess collected for bidi workers is meant for their welfare.
- (f): Does not arise.