

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:117
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2011
CONDITION OF BEEDI WORKERS
Biju Shri P. K.;Karunakaran Shri P.

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

- (a) the total number of beedi workers in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the names and details of the schemes being implemented for social security including education, training and other welfare activities for the beedi workers in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated, released and utilised under such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received new proposals from various State Governments regarding upliftment and welfare of the beedi workers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, State-wise?

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. 117 FOR 08.08.2011 REGARDING CONDITION OF BEEDI WORKERS BY SHRI P.K. BIJU: SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN.

- (a): The estimated number of beedi workers in the country, State/Union Territory-wise is placed at annexure-I.
- (b): All Schemes for Beedi workers are being implemented throughout the country as detailed in the annexure-II.
- (c): The details of funds allocated, released and utilized under various schemes region-wise during the last three years and the current year is placed at annexure-III.
- (d) & (e): Proposals are received from States from time to time. As and when such proposals regarding upliftment and welfare of the Beedi Workers are received, they are given due consideration. Recently, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana has been extended to the Beedi Workers.