

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:86  
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2011  
WELFARE SCHEMES FOR BEEDI WORKERS  
Gangaram Shri Awale Jaywant; Rama Devi Smt.

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

- (a) the number of persons employed as beedi workers as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the schemes being run by the Government for the welfare of beedi workers in the country;
- (c) the details of the allocation made and the expenditure incurred under each of these schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted to assess the impact of these schemes over the living standard of the beedi workers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**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.86 FOR 28.11.2011 BY SHRI JAYWANTRAO AWALE: SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI: REGARDING WELFARE SCHEMES FOR BEEDI WORKERS.

- (a): The number of persons employed as beedi workers as on 31.7.2011, State-wise is placed at Annexure-I.
- (b): The details of schemes being run by the Government for the welfare of beedi workers in the country is placed at Annexure-II.
- (c): The details of the allocation made and the expenditure incurred under each of these schemes during the last three years and the current each of these schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise is at Annexure-III.
- (d) & (e): Following studies have been conducted to assess the impact of welfare schemes:-
  - (1) A study was conducted by Society for Regional Research and Analysis, Gurgaon in the year 2011 to assess the impact of the housing scheme on the living condition and quality of life of beedi workers. More than 80% beneficiaries in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa and Tamilnadu opined that the scheme has brought about improvement in their quality of life.
  - (2) A study was conducted by Shri Ram Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, New Delhi in the year 2008 to evaluate the impact of the scholarship/financial assistance scheme. The report suggested rationalization of financial assistance for students from class I to IV and review of eligibility criteria on the basis of percentage of marks obtained in the last qualifying examination.