

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether Beedi industry is facing acute financial crisis and is on the verge of declaration as sick industry causing adverse impact on the workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to provide special package to Beedi industries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to solve the problems of Beedi workers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

- (a) & (b): No such case has been reported.
- (c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal to provide special package to Beedi industries.
- (e): Various Welfare Schemes are being implemented by the Government for Welfare of Beedi Workers in the field of education, health, housing, recreation, social security etc. Recently, Government has sanctioned 4 hospitals and 40 dispensaries for Beedi workers. Government has also decided to extend the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to Beedi workers.