

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

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

- (a) the number of men and women engaged in the beedi making industry in the country including Bihar;
- (b) whether they are deprived of welfare schemes in force and are facing certain problems;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the redressal of their complaints;
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the number of beedi workers who have lost their livelihood due to occupational linked diseases during the last three years;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to improve the occupational safety, health and environment at such workplaces in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

- (a) A statement is placed at Annexure-A.
- (b) & (c) No such case has been reported so far.
- (d) Public Grievance Officers are designated in nine Labour Welfare regional offices of the country and their complaints, if any, are redressed by them.
- (e) & (f) No such assessment has been made.
- (g) Government has set up various medical centres throughout the country under Labour Welfare Organization to provide health facilities to the beedi worker which is annexed at 'B'. Necessary awareness camps are regularly organized to educate the beedi workers regarding occupational safety, health and environment at workplaces.