

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2245
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BEEDI WORKERS
Singh Shri Dushyant

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for an alternative livelihood for the beedi workers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether a majority of the beedi workers are kids;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): Although there is no proposal for providing alternative livelihood to the beedi workers, vocational training is being imparted to beedi workers/wards under Modular Employable Skills Scheme in 308 courses through ITIs, NGOs in different trade.
- (d) to (f): Beedi workers are issued Identity Cards for providing assistance under various welfare schemes and these cards are issued only to the workers who are above 18 years.