

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

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FACILITIES FOR BEEDI WORKERS

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

(a)the salient features of the schemes for providing medical assistance and scholarships to children of beedi workers, being implemented by the Government under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act;

(b)the beneficiaries of the said schemes and the funds released thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c)whether the cases of malpractices/irregularities/ corruption under the said schemes have come to the notice of the Government during the said period; and

(d)if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard, State/ UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Government has formulated various schemes like Health (Medical), Scholarship scheme etc. Through health scheme, Government provides medical facilities to the Beedi Workers and their families through hospitals and dispensaries all over the country. Government also provides financial assistance in the form of scholarship to the children of Beedi Workers under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund (Health Scheme and Scholarship Scheme is at Annexure-"A").

(b): Statement is given at Annexure-"B".

(c) & (d): No, Madam.