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title: Regarding medical facilities for Beedi workers of Tenkasi parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI M. VASANTHI (TENKASI): Beedi rolling an important occupation of the people of my Tenkasi constituency. Majority of them are women and are from very poor socio-economic background. They work very hard for long hours to earn their livelihood. But unfortunately 80% of them are suffering a lot due to various health problems. Apart from severe pain in their hips and hands, they also suffer from asthma, wheezing, coughing and stomach pain. The Beedi workers welfare fund dispensary data also revealed that they are prone to respiratory, gastrointestinal problems. Many people are reported to have problems in their eyes.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Minister for Labour and Employment to create a new ESI hospital at Rajapalayam and increase the funds for the existing ESI hospital at Tenkasi and provide financial and medical support for the development and upgrading of dispensaries at Alangulam, Surandai meant for beedi workers.