

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 994
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

**ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BEEDI
WORKERS**

994. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

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

- (a) the details of strategies that are being considered to provide alternative employment opportunities for Beedi workers, given the impending restrictions on the industry;**
- (b) whether the Government has any data of Beedi workers in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is providing any financial assistance to beedi workers, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government is implementing any plans for smooth transition for Beedi workers while safeguarding their livelihoods and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) & (b): Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship imparted Skill Development training to the Beedi Workers and their dependents under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Total number of 7262 and 2746 Beedi workers were trained and employed in alternative job respectively during the period from April 2017 to March 2020. There are 49,82,294 registered Beedi workers in the country.

(c) & (d): Financial Assistance for education of the wards of beedi workers from class-Ist to College/University ranging from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 25,000/- per student per annum, depending upon class, is given. In Financial Year 2023-24, total number of 96051 wards of beedi / cine / non- coal mine workers received Rs.30.68 Crore through Direct Benefit Transfer- Aadhaar Payments Bridge System (DBT-APB) method of payment.

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The Ministry is facilitating access of various social security schemes being implemented by various Ministries/Departments for the benefit of the unorganized workers including Beedi workers through e-Shram Portal.
