

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1969
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2003
HEALTH CAMPS FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of health camps operating in the country for beedi workers State-wise;
- (b) the details of additional benefits given to female beedi workers during the current year;
- (c) whether Andhra Pradesh is lagging behind other States in such matters;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps proposed to improve the functioning of welfare organisations engaged in helping beedi workers in the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a): Labour Welfare Organisation of Ministry of Labour is running four hospitals and 207 dispensaries, including 149 Static-cum-Mobile dispensaries and 10 mobile dispensaries for providing health care facilities to the beedi workers. A statement showing State-wise number of such hospitals and dispensaries is annexed.

(b): In addition to various schemes formulated by the Labour Welfare organisation for welfare of Beedi Workers, there is a provision for grant of Rs.500/- per delivery as maternity benefit to female beedi workers. During the year 2002-2003, a sum of Rs.19.11 lakh was disbursed to female beedi workers.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Several initiatives have been taken for improvement in functioning of Welfare Organisation. Under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, the existing Schemes have been simplified and rationalized. The scale of benefits available under various schemes has also been enhanced. The insurance cover available to a beedi worker has been increased from Rs.3,000 to Rs.10,000 from 01.04.2002.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1969 FOR 4.8 BY SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH REGARDING HEALTH CAMPS FOR BEEDI WORKERS.

State-wise Number of Dispensaries and Hospitals established under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund.

Sl. No. Name of State Number of dispensaries Number of hospitals

1. Andhra Pradesh 15 -

2. Tamilnadu 18 -

3. Madhya Pradesh 25 -

4. Chhatisgarh 02 -

5. Karnataka 27 1

6. Kerala 12 -

7 Rajasthan 10 -

8. Gujarat	06	-
9. Bihar	18	-
10. Jharkhand	05	1
11. Uttar Pradesh	19	1
12. Maharashtra	17	-
13. Orissa	15	-
14. West Bengal	16	1
15. Assam	01	-
16. Tripura	01	-

Total 207 04