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**Sub : Provident Fund for Bidi Workers in Gujarat**

Dear Sir,

There are about one lakh bidi workers in Gujarat, but very few have been covered by Provident Fund. As you know that SEWA has been trying for last fifteen years for getting these workers covered by Provident Fund.

Recently there was a meeting called by Labour Secretary, Government of Gujarat in which the employers and SEWA were present. The employers have agreed to begin coverage of Provident Fund. It was discussed that the same system should be adopted in Gujarat as is prevalent in Andhra Pradesh.

As discussed with you by my colleague Smt. Renana Jhabvala, it would be very helpful if you could arrange for a visit to Andhra Pradesh for a team of employers, SEWA, officials of Gujarat Labour Ministry and your Gujarat office. So that we can understand the system there and adopt the same in Gujarat.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

*Manali Shah*

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Union Coordinator, SEWA

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2. Labour Secretary, Government of Gujarat  
3. Messers Jeevraj Bidi

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