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To,
Shree L.D. Misra
Secretary
Ministry of Labour
Government of India
Shram Shakti Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110 001.

Dear Sir,
Fax No. : 011-3355679

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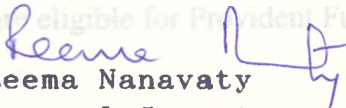
Self Employed Women's Association is organising the poor, self employed women
Respected Shree L.D. Misra, SEWA's main goals are full employment and self
reliance of our members. Currently the membership is 1,43,000 members.

My colleague Ms. Renana Jhabvala had met you today to
explain that Provident Fund is not being extended to
Beedi workers of Gujarat. May we expect your help for
the homebased women Beedi workers of Gujarat.

Bidi rollers area major category of home based workers. SEWA has organised more than
Enclosed herewith is a copy of letter written to Central
Provident Fund Commissioner.

SEWA had filed a case in the 1985, for payment of Provident Fund to above 154
workers in their employer M/s Jivraj Beedi and partnership firm.
With warm regards

The case was transferred to the Central Industrial Appellate Tribunal. The Tribunal
passed a judgement, establishing employer/employee relationship between the employer
and home based workers and therefore held that they are eligible for Provident Fund. The
copy of the judgement is enclosed herewith.

Yours Sincerely

Reema Nanavaty
General Secretary
SEWA.

However, the Jivraj Beedi, challenged the judgement
in the High Court of Gujarat in 1998. The High Court
Commissionerate of Provident Fund, Gujarat, to assess the eligibility and dues of these
workers. The copy of the order is enclosed herewith.

As a result, the assessment procedure and hearings are being held by the Provident Fund

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