

[English]

Exploitation of Child Labour

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain foreign buyer have threatened to boycott the import of Indian carpets in case the exploitation of child labour is not stopped in the industry;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether this move has led to decline in carpet export from India; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Externally Aided projects

1144. SHRI V. SOBHAN ADDRESSWARA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the total number of externally aided projects running behind schedule. State—wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in the completion of these projects, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure their timely completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) (a) A state—wise list of externally aided projects which have received an extension beyond their scheduled closing dates is at annexure.

(b) The major reasons for delay in the utilisation of aid under some externally aided projects included inadequate provision of counterpart funds, procurement delays, problems in land acquisition, savings due to exchange rate fluctuations & project specific issues.

(c) Steps taken to avoid delay in utilisation of aid include strengthening of the counterpart funds through the mechanism of advance additional central assistance to states, a decision to pass on 100% of aid received in all sectors as additional central assistance to states, intensified monitoring of projects & cancellations in & restructuring of projects where necessary.

STATEMENT**ANNEXURE****LIST OF EXTERNALLY AIDED PROJECTS
BEHIND SCHEDULE****ORISSA**

1. Upper Indravati
2. Toolroom & Training Centre

MAHARASHTRA

1. Maharashtra Comcodite III