

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ILO ON CHILD LABOUR

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

- (a) whether as per the report of the International Labour Organisation, India has the highest number of child labour in the world;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has conduct any review with regard to ensuring the proper compliance of labour laws with respect to child labourers;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the review;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the detailed steps taken by the Government for the complete eradication of child labour in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a): As per the information received from International Labour Organisation, the ILO has not published any report indicating that India has the highest number of child labour in the world.

(b): In view of (a) above does not arise.

(c)to(e): A Central Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment with representation from State Governments and concerned Ministries/ Departments is in place for the supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the National Child Labour Project. The committee meets periodically and undertakes detailed review of progress of all the districts throughout the country and the said meeting was held recently on 11.1.2012.

(f): The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 years in 18 Occupations and 65 Processes. Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 266 districts of 20 States. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work are enrolled in the Special Schools where they are provided with bridging education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health care facilities etc. before mainstreaming into formal education system. As per the available information 3,76,945 children have been mainstreamed during last three years and current year (upto June, 11) through NCLP Scheme.