

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR CHILD LABOUR
De Dr. Ratna

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

- (a) whether there is a scheme which is funded by the United States and monitored by the International labour organisation to end child labour;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main features of such a scheme;
- (c) the details of the funding pattern;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any time-frame to execute the said scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

- (a) &(b): Under the technical co-operation programme, a Project on child labour titled "Converging against Child Labour: Support for India's Model" is being implemented in 10 districts in 5 states in collaboration with ILO/IPEC. The project is being funded by USDOL. It is being implemented in two districts each in Bihar (Sitamarhi, Katihar), Jharkhand (Ranchi, Sahibganj), Madhya Pradesh (Jabalpur, Ujjain), Gujarat (Vadodra, Surat) & Orissa (Kalahandi and Cuttack). The Project has been formally launched on 31st July, 2010. The main objective of the project is withdrawing and preventing 19000 children (between 5-14 years) from hazardous work. The target children will benefit from a range of educational and training opportunities plus monitoring and tracking. About 2,000 working adolescents (from 14 through 17 years of age) will benefit from opportunities for training, awareness raising and links to employment. Some 5,000 target families will receive support and training to improve their incomes. Other families will indirectly benefit by being linked to poverty alleviation schemes and improved home-based production processes that no longer involve children.
- (c): The Project is funded by United States, Department of Labour with contribution of US \$6,850,000. The Government of India contribution is in kind in the form of National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme and other participating schemes.
- (d) to (f): The duration of the project is 42 months.