

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRAFFICKING OF TRIBAL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has found that trafficking of tribal children in large number takes place in different States for sending them to work at various Bt. Cotton fields in Gujarat and Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to protect such children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b): The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) commissioned a study in February 2008 entitled "Children migrating for work from Dungarpur district, Rajasthan to Gujarat". As per the study report, children are trafficked for their engagement in Bt. cotton farming from Rajasthan to Gujarat.

(c): As per recommendations of NCPCR, Government of Gujarat has taken several steps to protect children:

- (i) Awareness Generation Programmes by releasing press notes, using radio/television, rally of school children, displaying posters/play-cards/banners, hoardings etc.
- (ii) Sensitization: Organization of sensitization workshop for officers and stake holders.
- (iii) Meetings with Non Government Organizations (NGOs)/Trade Unions and owner associations at district level.
- (iv) Inspections.
- (v) Formation of State Level Monitoring Committees.
- (vi) Formation of Monitoring Cell
- (vii) Formation of District Task Force.
- (viii) Convergence towards Rehabilitation – Education by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Study material and course-books of SSA incorporated in National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Schools. Financial support for 5500 NCLP Schools, Mid Day Meal Programme and provision for vocational training in NCLP schools.
- (ix) Campaign against employment of child labour in BT Cotton Seed Farms in Gujarat by Rural Labour Commissioner Government of Rajasthan launched a campaign 'Nanhe haath kalam ke Saath' with the support of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in 90 gram panchayats of three districts of Rajasthan namely Dungarpur, Udaipur and Banswara.