

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that a large number of children from Nepal are brought to India and sold as child labour;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether incidents of inhuman treatment to these children have come to light;
- (d) if so, the action being taken by the Government against those guilty persons;;
- (e) whether there is any procedure in practice for rescuing such Nepal children and sending them back to their country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALUKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (1F): As informed by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government is not aware of large number of children from Nepal being brought to India and sold as Child Labour.

However, with a view to tackle the menace of human trafficking, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has undertaken a number of measures which inter-alia includes the following:

Anti-trafficking Nodal Cell is in operation in Ministry of Home Affairs. All the States/UT Administrations have nominated Anti Trafficking Nodal Officers who coordinate amongst themselves in inter-state trafficking cases. Similarly, Anti-Trafficking nodal cells have been created at district Level headed by Superintendents of Police. Coordination meetings are held with the State Anti Trafficking Nodal Officers in MHA periodically.

A comprehensive Advisory to all States/UTs for preventing and combating crime of human trafficking and Advisory on crime against women have been issued by MHA.

A project on 'Strengthening Law enforcement response in India against trafficking in persons through training and [capacity building]' has been taken up in the Ministry of Home Affairs as a joint project with States. At the behest of MHA, the National Crime Records Bureau has added a separate new chapter on Human Trafficking statistics in their annual publication 'Crime In India' for the first time in 2006.