

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1634

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009

MULTI PRONGED STRATEGY FOR ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR

Dubey Shri Nishikant

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has prepared a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the menace of child labour and coverage of schemes run by various ministries for eradication of child labour;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the States identified for implementation of proposed strategy;and
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose alongwith the persons/families likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Keeping in view the magnitude of the problem of child labour, the Government of India has adopted multi-pronged strategy to eliminate child labour from the Country. Besides enforcement of the provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act,1986,a flagship programme 'National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme' is being implemented in 21 States of the country. List of the States/UTs is at Annexure. Under the scheme, children withdrawn from work are enrolled into the special schools and provided with bridging education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health check-ups, etc. with ultimate objective of mainstreaming them in the formal system of education. An amount of Rs. 100.00 crore has been allocated for the year 2009-10 under the Scheme. Till 2008-09, 5.21 lakh children have been mainstreamed into regular education system. On the other hand, taking into account that poverty is one of the root causes of child labour, Government has developed convergence of welfare schemes of other Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government and State Governments aimed towards economic upliftment of vulnerable parents and children. A core group on convergence has been constituted in the Ministry of Labour & Employment in order to monitor and review various steps taken to achieve convergence at grass-root level.