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WORKS UNDER CHILD LABOUR WELFARE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of works being implemented under the child labour welfare projects during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the works done under the said projects are negligible; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODI KUNNIL SURESH)

(a) to (c): For rehabilitation of child labour Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme since 1988. The major objective of the Scheme is to withdraw children working in hazardous occupations and processes, and mainstream them into formal education system. Under this scheme regular survey is conducted by Project Societies at district level to identify children working in hazardous occupations and processes. Children rescued/withdrawn in the age group of 9-14 years; are enrolled in the NCLP special schools, where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system. At present the Scheme is operational in 266 Districts of 20 States in the country and about 6500 special schools are in operation with an enrollment of approximately 3 lakh children. The State-wise details of the NCLP districts in operation are at Annexure-I. More than 9.67 lakh children have been mainstreamed into formal education system since inception of the Scheme and approximately 3 lakh children were mainstreamed during the last three years. The number of child labourers mainstreamed through NCLP Scheme during the last three years, State-wise are given at Annexure-II. As per 2001 census, the total number of working children between the age group 5-14 years in the country was 1.26 crore. However, in the Survey conducted by NSSO, in 2004-05 the number of working children was estimated at 90.75 lakh. As per NSSO survey 2009-10, the working children are estimated at 49.84 lakh which shows a declining trend.