

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Child Labour in Textile Units
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of child labourers are engaged and being exploited in various factories in the country including the textiles units, industry-wise and State/UT-wise including the National Capital Region;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study to identify the number of child labourers working as bonded labourers in those factories/textile units; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken by the Government against the elements found involved in exploiting the child labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): As per 2011 Census, there are 43.53 lakh working children in the age group of 5-14 years in the country. The State-wise details of the working children is given at Annexure. The occupation wise data is not available from Census 2011.

(b) & (c): The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits the employment of children below 14 years of age in certain occupations and processes. Central Government is the appropriate authority for enforcement of the Act in respect of Central Government establishments, railways, major ports, mines or oil fields and in all other cases, State Government is the appropriate authority for implementation under the Act. As per the Act, the appropriate Government may appoint Inspectors for the purposes of securing compliance with the provisions of the Act. During 2012, 2013 and 2014, 5424, 4808 and 1452 prosecutions were launched for violation of the provisions of the Act. Also the Bonded Labour System has been abolished throughout the country by the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. Under the Act, identification, release and rehabilitation of freed bonded labour is the direct responsibility of the concerned State/Union Territory.

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