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Title: Need to check the menace of bonded labour in the country.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards an important issue of bonded labour in India. Bonded labour as it stands is a blot on our society and it is shameful that it exists even today. Bonded labour is no less than slavery and hundreds of people in India are still being subjected to this practice. Academic studies show that Rice Mills, Rock Quarry, and Brick Kilns are the main industries where bonded labour thrives. Madam, it is really shocking and sad to see that the government till date has never made an extensive study to gauge the prevalence of bonded labour in this country in spite of academic studies painting an alarming picture. I would like to request the government to set up a hotline for bonded labour and also a special cell under the Ministry of Labour & Employment to carry out a nationwide survey to check this menace.