

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 345
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019**

BONDED LABOUR

†345. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

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

- (a) the estimated number of bonded labourers in the country at present, State/ UT-wise;**
- (b) the initiatives taken for eradication of bonded labourers in the country and success achieved as a result thereof, State/ UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has set up rehabilitation centres for the freed bonded labourers and if so, the details thereof along with the number of rehabilitation centres set up in each State; and**
- (d) the total amount of funds released and utilised for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): The requisite information is annexed as Annexure

(c): It is under jurisdiction of the State Government.

(d): Funds released to State Government for rehabilitation of Bonded Labour:-

(Rs. in lakh)

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
221.60	260.70	664.50	253.50

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 345 FOR 24.06.2019.

The Bonded Labour System has been abolished by law throughout the country with effect from 25th October, 1975 under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Ordinance which was replaced by the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. As and when existence of bonded labour is detected, such persons are identified for rehabilitation. The total number of bonded labour identified and released is 3,13,687 and total number of bonded Labour rehabilitated is 2,93,725 as on 31.03.2019. The State-wise details are given below:

Name of the State/UT	Number of Bonded Labourers	
	Identified and Released	Rehabilitated
Andhra Pradesh	38,141	31,687
Arunachal Pradesh	3,526	2992
Assam	12	12
Bihar	17,886	17,068
Chhattisgarh	3548	3548
Gujarat	64	64
Haryana	594	92
Jharkhand	314	314
Karnataka	66,281	60,029
Kerala	823	710
Madhya Pradesh	13,319	12,394
Maharashtra	1,404	1,325
Pudducherry	09	09
Orissa	51,441	48,313
Punjab	252	252
Rajasthan	7,872	6,715
Tamil Nadu	65,573	65,573
Uttar Pradesh	42279	42279
Uttaranchal	5	5
West Bengal	344	344
TOTAL	*3,13,687	2,93,725

* 19962 Bonded Labourers are not available for rehabilitation either they have died or left the place without leaving their addresses.
