

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4236
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.01.2019**

PREVALANCE OF DISEASES AMONG CHILD LABOURERS

4236. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that 80 per cent of the working children in the age group of 5 to 14 years in the country come from rural ares and are employed in agricultre fields, home based employment, industries and factories and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether a large number of Child Labourers in the country are reportedly suffering/dying due to Asthama, TB and other respiratory ailments; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a): According to information received from Office of the Registrar General of India, as per data collected in the last Census conducted in 2011, over 80% of working children in the age group of 5 to 14 years in the country are based in rural areas. As per 2011 Census data, the details of the number of children in India aged 5-14 years working in Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing etc. as well as Marginal Workers are given at Annexure-I.

(b): The information related to prevalence of Asthma, TB or other respiratory ailments in respect of child labourers, in particular, is not maintained centrally.

(c): Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

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ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.4236 FOR 07.01.2019 BY SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY, HON'BLE MP REGARDING PREVALENCE OF DISEASES AMONG CHILD LABOURERS

Details of number of rural workers in the age group of 5-14 years as per 2011 Census

Category of workers	No. of workers aged 5-14
Marginal Workers	6524601
Cultivators	2511258
Agricultural Labourers	2858086
Allied Activities	379683
Mining and Quarrying	9286
Manufacturing	338325
Others	427963
