GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3497 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022

NATIONAL CHILD LABOUR PROJECT

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

- (a)the number of children in the age group of 9-14 years reserved and enrolled in the special training centres under the National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) Scheme till date, State-wise since 2017 therein;
- (b) the objectives of NCLP along with the details of the projects under NCLP presently under implementation and the funds given to various agencies for implementation of these projects, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) the districts covered under the NCLP Scheme and the reasons for the low number of districts where the project is being implemented, the number of NCLP Training Centres in the country and the number of Child labourers rescued and trained in these Centres, State-wise;
- (d)whether the Government has done any review of the works carried out under NCLP, if so, the details of the various things that came to notice as a result of the said review; and
- (e)the strategy adopted by the Government to make this project successful including the extent to which the said strategy has proved successful along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): As per the information received from District Project Societies, the number of child labourers/beneficiaries rescued/ withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under National Child Labour Project Scheme (NCLP) since 2017 -18, State-wise, is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The objective of National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme was to rescue and rehabilitate the child labourers. Under the NCLP Scheme, the working children in the age group of 9-14 years are rescued/withdrawn from work and enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centres, where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system.

National Child Labour Project (NCLP) scheme was approved for continuation up to 31.03.2021 and since then has been subsumed / merged with Samagara Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme of Ministry of Education. A total of 254 number of Special Training Centre (STC), which had been approved by the Ministry of Labour & Employment prior to 31.03.2021, and which have not yet completed two years as per NCLP Scheme guidelines, are operational in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Assam and West Bengal only as on 31.07.2022. NCLP scheme is not operational in any district of the State of Maharashtra currently. The details of number of children enrolled in STC, districts, states where NCLP is operational during 2022 -23 and amount released during 2021-22 and 2022-23 is at Annexure II.

- (d) & (e): NCLP Scheme has been appraised for its continuation beyond 31st March 2021 in terms of relevant instructions of Ministry of Finance and it has been decided to subsume / merge the scheme with Samagara Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme in phased manner as under:-
 - (i) Project Society, currently operational, to be allowed to continue till enrolled children are mainstreamed in formal education system.
 - (ii) The pending/committed liability for grant in aid and stipend to be cleared.
 - (iii) No permission to be given for opening of new Special Training Centre (STC) under NCLP Scheme.
 - (iv) No fresh enrollment of children in STC under NCLP.
 - (v) The survey report, received in the Ministry of Labour & Employment, to be forwarded to Department of School Education and Literacy for enrollment of children in the concerned STC.

 ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3497 FOR 08.08.2022 BY SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE,SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA REGARDING NATIONAL CHILD LABOUR PROJECT.

No. of children / beneficiaries, rescued / withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under NCLP Scheme during 2017-18 to 2021-22.

| Sl. No. | State | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-22* |
|---------|----------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 203 | 778 | 1049 | 622 | 885 |
| 2 | Assam | 915 | 4562 | 6175 | 2800 | NA |
| 3 | Bihar | 2800 | | | | |
| 4 | Gujarat | 187 | 101 | 341 | 531 | |
| 5 | Haryana | NA | 171 | NA | NA | NA |
| 6 | Jharkhand | 2014 | 1225 | 2940 | 3239 | NA |
| 7 | Karnataka | 679 | 763 | 363 | 275 | 263 |
| 8 | Madhya Pradesh | 11400 | 4910 | 4010 | 29179 | 2237 |
| 9 | Maharashtra | 5250 | 8122 | 9337 | 2031 | 2110 |
| 10 | Odisha | NA | NA | 6 | 495 | 15 |
| 11 | Punjab | 994 | 915 | 483 | 1307 | 4867 |
| 12 | Rajasthan | 105 | NA | 1712 | NA | 86 |
| 13 | Tamil Nadu | 2855 | 2534 | 3928 | 1456 | 2586 |
| 14 | Telangana | 2137 | 935 | 214 | 300 | 222 |
| 15 | Uttar Pradesh | NA | 8020 | 10371 | 9383 | NA |
| 16 | West Bengal | 17899 | 17137 | 13879 | 6671 | NA |
| 17 | Uttarakhand | NA | NA | 62 | | |
| 18 | Nagaland | 197 | 111 | 24 | | |
| | Total | 47,635 | 50,284 | 54,894 | 58,289 | 13,271 |

* Provisional

N A: Not Available

-- Not Functional

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3497 FOR 08.08.2022 BY SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE,SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE,SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA REGARDING NATIONAL CHILD LABOUR PROJECT.

Details of number of children enrolled in STC districts, States and funds released during 2021-22 and 2022-23 where NCLP is operational as on 31.07.2022.

| Sl. No. | State | District | Number of Children** | Amount released (In Rs.) | |
|------------|---------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | 2021-22 | 2022-23* |
| | Madhya | | 287 | 6,08,666 | 72,40,976 |
| 1 | Pradesh | Shajapur | | | |
| 2 | | Jharsuguda | 275 | 72,46,297 | - |
| 3 | Odisha | Sundargarh | 632 | 1,18,87,955 | - |
| 4 | | Kamrup (Metro) | 1265 | 81,10,000 | 76,18,286 |
| 5 | Assam | Nagaon | 2768 | - | - |
| 6 | | Dakshin Dinajpur*** | 993 | - | 1,51,16,169 |
| 7 | West | Alipurduar | 357 | 30,43,450 | 55,18,473 |
| 8 | Bengal | Cooch Behar | 845 | 94,94,714 | |

^{*} Up to 31.07.2022

^{**} As per Annual Progress Report as on 31.03.2022

^{***} As per Quarterly Progress Report as on 31.12.2021