

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1276
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025**

CHILD LABOURERS

1276. SHRI PARTHA BHOWMICK:

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

- (a) the details of the number of children under 14 years working in the country;**
- (b) the details of the number of children under 16 years working in hazardous industries in the country; and**
- (c) the details of the number of child labourers rehabilitated during the last five years and the current year in the country, year-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (c): The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 provides for the complete prohibition of work or employment of children below 14 years in any occupation and process and adolescents in the age group of 14 to 18 years in hazardous occupations and processes. The Act provides for strict punishment of employers for violation of its provisions and makes the offences under the Act cognizable.

The Ministry of Labour & Employment had been implementing National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for rescue & rehabilitation of child labourers under which the children in the age group of 9-14 years were rescued from work, enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centres (STCs) and were provided with bridge education before being mainstreamed into formal education system. The NCLP scheme has been subsumed with Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a scheme of Ministry of Education with effect from 01.04.2021. The details of the number of children rescued / withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under NCLP scheme state - wise, during 2018-19 to 2022-23 is at Annexure.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1276 FOR 08.12.2025 RAISED BY SHRI PARTHA BHOWMICK REGARDING CHILD LABOURERS

No. of children rescued / withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under NCLP Scheme during 2018-19 to 2022-23.

| Sl. No. | State | 2018-19 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 778 | 1049 | 622 | 2090 | 441 |
| 2 | Assam | 4562 | 6175 | 2800 | 0 | 1291 |
| 3 | Gujarat | 101 | 341 | 531 | 50 | 0 |
| 4 | Haryana | 171 | NA | NA | NA | -- |
| 5 | Jharkhand | 1225 | 2940 | 3239 | 755 | 410 |
| 6 | Karnataka | 763 | 363 | 275 | 230 | 0 |
| 7 | Madhya Pradesh | 4910 | 4010 | 29179 | 1268 | 172 |
| 8 | Maharashtra | 8122 | 9337 | 2031 | 2537 | 337 |
| 9 | Odisha | NA | 6 | 495 | 76 | 1415 |
| 10 | Punjab | 915 | 483 | 1307 | 986 | 2504 |
| 11 | Rajasthan | NA | 1712 | NA | 301 | 18 |
| 12 | Tamil Nadu | 2534 | 3928 | 1456 | 2183 | 2628 |
| 13 | Telangana | 935 | 214 | 300 | 618 | 935 |
| 14 | Uttar Pradesh | 8020 | 10371 | 9383 | 1833 | 339 |
| 15 | West Bengal | 17137 | 13879 | 6671 | 5207 | 3270 |
| 16 | Uttarakhand | NA | 62 | -- | 3 | 1 |
| 17 | Nagaland | 111 | 24 | -- | -- | -- |
| | Total | 50,284 | 54,894 | 58,289 | 18,137 | 13,761 |

Source: Ministry of Labour & Employment
