

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:172
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2005
CHILD LABOUR ELIMINATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a special Rs. 200 crore Project on child labour elimination is being implemented jointly with US Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this Project is in addition to the existing National Child Labour Elimination Programme;
- (d) if so, the reasons for two parallel programmes with the same objectives being running simultaneously in the country;
- (e) the number of districts selected for this project;
- (f) whether the Indo-US child labour project is under scanner as reported in the Times of India dated September 20, 2005; and
- (g) if so, the present status of the project and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.172 FOR ANSWER ON 05.12.2005 REGARDING CHILD LABOUR ELIMINATION PROJECTS BY SMT. D. PURANDESWARI AND SHRIASADUDDIN OWAIISI

- (a) A Rs. 175 crore (approximately) equivalent to 40 million dollar Joint Indo-US project is being implemented for Child Labour Elimination in selected districts of the country.
- (b) As a follow-up to the Joint Statement on "Enhanced Indo-US Cooperation on Eliminating Child Labour" signed between the Ministry of Labour & Employment and the US Department of Labour in August, 2000, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, Department of Elementary Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the US Department of Labour have launched a child labour project called INDUS (Indo-US). The Indus project aims at withdrawing and rehabilitating children working in identified hazardous sectors through effective convergence with the Department of Education.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The Indus (Indo-US) Project is being implemented only in those districts where the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme is not in operation. The Indus Project contains certain additional interventions, which are not covered under NCLP Scheme.
- (e) The project is being implemented in 21 districts of 5 States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu & Uttar Pradesh and Delhi since 2004.
- (f) & (g) The Indus project was launched in February 2004 and is being currently implemented in all 21 districts of 5 States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu & Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.