

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

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INDO US PROJECT TO REHABILITATE CHILD WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a project in association with United States of America (USA) is being undertaken to rehabilitate 80,000 child workers in the country as appeared in The Hindu dated April 18, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the funds for the project is being equally shared by India and USA; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds disbursed so far during Tenth Five Year Plan to the States under The National Child Labour Projects and the extent of utilization of the same by the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government of India and the US Department of Labour have launched a joint project titled INDUS (Indo-US) for the rehabilitation of child labour in 21 districts of the country.

The Project aims at complete elimination of child labour in hazardous industries in the project area in a focused and integrated manner. Over 80,000 children withdrawn from work will be benefited under the project.

(c):The US Deptt. Of Labour would provide US \$ 20 million to be matched with equal funding from Government of India. The Government of India funding would be shared between Ministry of Labour & Employment and the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(d):Details of funds released during the Tenth Plan under the scheme of National Child Labour Projects is as follows:-

Year Amount (in lakhs)

2002-03	6510.00
2003-04	6672.00
2004-05	8310.70
2005-06	10232.57