

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to eradicate child labour completely;
- (b) if so, the fresh efforts made by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has any new plan for bringing child labourers back into the main stream and for financially empowering their parents;
- (d) if so, the details of each schemes and the funds earmarked; and
- (e) the time by which these schemes are likely to come into force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Government is committed to complete elimination of child labour from the country. However, considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach is being followed, beginning with children working in hazardous occupations and processes and gradually covering children in non-hazardous occupations also.
- (b): The National Child Labour Project Scheme is being implemented since 1988 for the rehabilitation of working children. Prior to 10th Plan, the scheme was being implemented in 100 districts. During the 10th Plan, the National Child Labour Project Scheme has been expanded to cover 250 districts in the country.
- (c): The National Child Labour Project Scheme involves mainstreaming of working children into regular schools. Efforts are being made to economically empower the families of child labour by converging with various Income/Employment Generation Schemes of other Central Ministries and State Government Departments.
- (d): An amount of Rs. 602/- crore has been allocated under the National Child Labour Project Scheme during 10th Plan Period for rehabilitation of working children.
- (e): The Scheme is already under implementation.