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INDO-US VENTURE FOR ELIMINATING CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indo-US venture aiming at eliminating child labour in the country has been launched recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the States in which the project is proposed to be launched;
- (d) the estimated number of child labour likely to be benefited from it; and
- (e) the manner in which the freed child labour are proposed to be re-settled by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Labour, Government of India and US, Deptt. Of Labour have developed a project named INDUS Project under ILO-IPEC for Prevention & Elimination of Child Labour in identified Hazardous Sectors. This project has been developed as a follow-up of the Joint Statement on `Enhanced Indo-US Cooperation on Eliminating Child Labour` signed between the Ministry of Labour and the US Department of Labour in August, 2000 whereby each reiterated their respective nation's commitment to the Prohibition and Elimination of the Worst Forms of child labour as a matter of urgency and agreed that each would support and facilitate the development of comprehensive projects in identified sectors.

The project has been launched on 16.2.2004.

(c): The project is being implemented in 21 districts of 5 states namely, UP, MP, TN, Maharashtra and NCT Delhi.

(d): Over 80,000 children in the age group of 9-14 years will be benefited to be mainstreamed into the primary schools.

(e): The Project aims at complete elimination of child labour in hazardous industries in the project area in a focused and integrated manner. The project specifically mentions target groups in the age group of 5-8 years, 9-13 years, and over 14 years. Parents are also proposed to be organized into self-help groups.