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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1744

ANSWERED ON 07.03.2011

INCREASE IN CHILD LABOUR

1744 .Shri P. VENUGOPAL

P. KUMAR

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

- (a) whether the latest report of the International Labour Organisation has stated that the global financial crisis has led to an increase in the number of child labourers in developing countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto and the remedial measures taken by the Government to counter the child labour menace in the country;
- (c) whether many of the State Governments have sought changes in the law dealing with child labour; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the changes sought by the State Governments and the response of the Central Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) & (b): The ILO Global Report on Child Labour 2010 (Accelerating Action Against Child Labour) mentions that the global number of child labourers has declined from 222 million to 215 million, or 3 percent, over the period 2004 to 2008, representing a "slowing down of the global pace of reduction". The report has also expressed concern that the global economic crisis could "further brake" progress toward the global target of elimination of the worst forms of child labour by 2016. The Government is implementing the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, which prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 years in 18 Occupations and 65 Processes. Any person who employs a child in any occupation or process where employment of children is prohibited under the Act, is liable for punishment with imprisonment for term which shall not be less than 3 months but which may extend to one year or with fine ranging from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 20,000/-. As a rehabilitation measures, the Government is implementing National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 266 districts in 20 States, under which children withdrawn from work are admitted into special schools, where these children are provided with accelerated bridging education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care facilities etc. before they are mainstreamed into regular education system.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1833

ANSWERED ON 07.03.2011

BAN ON CHILD LABOUR

1833 Shri MANOHAR TIRKEY

RAMSINHBHAI PATALBHAI RATHWA

NAVEEN JINDAL

REWATI RAMAN SINGH

RAVNEET SINGH

PRASANTA KUMAR MAJUMDAR

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

- (a) whether child labour is increasing inspite of a ban on it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of child labourers in the country;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to eradicate child labour system completely from the country;
- (d) whether any convictions have taken place during the last three years on charges of engaging child labour;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to remove the word "Regulation" from the title of "Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986" through an amendment in order to impose total ban on child labour;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to empower the parents of the children engaged in child labour; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. As per Census 2001 figures there were 1.26 crore working children in the age group of 5-14. However, the Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 2004-05, the number of working children were estimated 90.75 lakh, which shows decline trend.

(c): The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 years in 18 Occupations and 65 Processes. Any person who employs a child in any occupation or process where employment of children is prohibited under the Act, is liable for punishment with imprisonment for term which shall not be less than 3 months but which may extend to one year or with fine ranging from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 20,000/-. Further, Government is implementing National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 266 districts in 20 States wherein 3.39 lakhs child labourers are enrolled in the special schools where these children provided with accelerated bridging education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care facilities etc., before mainstreaming into regular education system.

(d) & (e): State/Union Territory Governments are the appropriate authority for enforcement of provisions of Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 in the areas under their jurisdiction. As per the available information, 2088 Convictions are made during 2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09. State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(f): No, Madam.

(g) & (h): The Government has constituted a Core Group on convergence of various welfare schemes to ensure that the families of the child labour are given priority for their upliftment.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1833 FOR ANSWER ON 7.3.2011 REGARDING BAN ON CHILD LABOUR

Prosecutions launched

Name of state/ UT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Andaman & Nicobar I. U.T.	0	0	
Andhra Pradesh	9128	3104	386
Arunachal Pradesh	3		
Assam	0	0	
Bihar	284		
Chandigarh U.T.	0	8	7
Chhattisgarh	19		
Dadra & Nagar Haveli H.U.T.	0		
Daman & Diu U.T.	0	0	
Delhi U.T.	187	274	
Goa			
Gujarat	270	233	328
Haryana	0	2510	
Himachal Pradesh	0	3	0
Jammu & Kashmir	60	61	41
Jharkhand	4		
Karnataka	3235	473	121
Kerala	1	1	
Lakshadweep	0		
Madhya Pradesh	150	58	25
Maharashtra	54	23	
Manipur	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	
Mizoram	0	0	0
Nagaland	0		
Orissa	73	145	22
Pondicherry U.T.	0	0	
Punjab	129	176	
Rajasthan	22	26	9
Sikkim	0	0	
Tamil Nadu	603	218	
Tripura	0	0	
Uttar Pradesh	117	548	
Uttarakhand	0		6
West Bengal	7	2	
Total	14346	7863	945