

Child Labour Laws

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The Government is pursuing multipronged strategy to eliminate child labour and has taken comprehensive measures which include legislative measures, rehabilitation strategy, providing right of free education and general socio-economic development so as to eliminate the incidence of the child labour. The details of statutory and legislative measures, rehabilitation strategy and education are as under:

Government has enacted the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 which was amended in 2016. The amended Act is called the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. The amendment provides stricter punishment for employers for violation of the Act and made the offence as cognizable.

Framing of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Central Rules

Framing of model State Action Plan enumerating action points to be taken by respective State Governments and circulation of the same to all Chief Secretaries.

As per "Crime in India, 2020" a publication of National Crime Records Bureau, 464, 772 and 476 number of cases were registered during calendar year 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively under Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 in the country. State-wise details are annexed.

Ministry of Labour & Employment has been implementing National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for rehabilitation of child labourers through District Project Societies under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate. Under the NCLP scheme, the children in the age group of 9-14 years are rescued / withdrawn from work and enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centres (STCs), where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system. NCLP scheme has now been subsumed under Samagara Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme.

This information was given by Shri Rameswar Teli, Minister of State, Ministry of Labour & Employment in Lok Sabha today.

Annexure

Number of cases registered under Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, State / Union Territories -wise:

| Sl.No. | State/UT | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------|-------------------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 0 | 2 | 37 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | Assam | 39 | 68 | 40 |
| 4 | Bihar | 14 | 15 | 3 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 35 | 64 | 39 |
| 7 | Haryana | 6 | 11 | 1 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9 | Jharkhand | 17 | 18 | 27 |
| 10 | Karnataka | 63 | 83 | 54 |
| 11 | Kerala | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| 13 | Maharashtra | 90 | 53 | 29 |
| 14 | Meghalaya | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 15 | Punjab | 8 | 8 | 11 |
| 16 | Rajasthan | 32 | 48 | 30 |
| 17 | Tamil Nadu | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| 18 | Telangana | 125 | 314 | 147 |

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| 19 | Tripura | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 20 | Uttar Pradesh | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| 21 | Uttarakhand | 0 | 27 | 41 |
| 22 | West Bengal | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| 23 | Chandigarh | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 24 | Daman & Diu | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 25 | Delhi | 15 | 30 | 6 |
| | TOTAL | 464 | 772 | 476 |

Source: National Crime Records Bureau