DO No.S-27013/1/2013-CL (Pt.1)
Dated 21st March, 2016

Dear

As you are aware, the Government of India is implementing a National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme since 1988 for the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from certain identified occupations and processes. The Scheme is presently sanctioned in 270 districts in the country.

2. Since the inception of NCLP Scheme, 11.78 lakhs children have been mainstreamed. The Scheme has been continued for the 12th FYP. While reviewing the scheme for continuation during 12th FYP, it was felt that the success of the project(s) depends on proper co-ordination between Central and State Governments and strengthening of monitoring mechanism at district, State and Central level. Further, with the passage of time, the honorarium to the volunteers and the budget of Project Societies and special Training Centres had also to be revised. In view of these issues, the NCLP scheme guidelines have been revised in consultation with the stakeholders. **The date of operationalization of revised NCLP guidelines is from 1.4.2016 onwards.** These revised guidelines will be applicable to all NCLP districts and the Special Training Centres (STCs) operational in those districts. Some provisions of revised guidelines like enhancement of honorarium have been already brought into effect from an earlier date and they will remain so.

3. It is also informed that the target group under revised NCLP guidelines covers all child workers below the age of 14 years in the identified target area and adolescent workers in the age of 14-18 years engaged in hazardous occupations / processes. These changes are brought considering the proposed amendment to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. However, the **operational part for the coverage of adolescents (14 to 18 years of age) under NCLP Scheme Guidelines may be withheld till the proposed legislative amendment to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 is passed by the Parliament.**

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4. I would also like to highlight here that vide Ministry’s Order Number G-20013/1/2012-CL dt 28.01.2016 (copy enclosed), the honorarium of Staff / Volunteers of the District Project Society and NCLP Special Training Centres has already been increased w.e.f 1.1.2016. The DM/DC cum Chairperson of the District Project Societies has also been informed that rationalization of the Volunteers / Staff as proposed in the revised NCLP guidelines would be effective from 1st April, 2016. The revised guidelines (soft copy) are enclosed for your perusal and necessary action. The Guidelines are also available on the Ministry’s website www.labour.gov.in under Head: Main Secretariat / Division, Subhead: Child Labour.

5. In view of above, I would seek your intervention to ensure the switch over to revised NCLP Guidelines by the State Government and the District Project Societies smoothly.

Yours sincerely,

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