

National child labour project scheme

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As per the information received from District Project Societies, the number of child labourers/beneficiaries rescued/ withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under National Child Labour Project Scheme (NCLP) since 2017 -18, State-wise, is at Annexure-I.

The objective of National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme was to rescue and rehabilitate the child labourers. Under the NCLP Scheme, the working children in the age group of 9-14 years are rescued/withdrawn from work and enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centres, where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system.

National Child Labour Project (NCLP) scheme was approved for continuation up to 31.03.2021 and since then has been subsumed / merged with Samagara Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme of Ministry of Education. A total of 254 number of Special Training Centre (STC), which had been approved by the Ministry of Labour & Employment prior to 31.03.2021, and which have not yet completed two years as per NCLP Scheme guidelines, are operational in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Assam and West Bengal only as on 31.07.2022. NCLP scheme is not operational in any district of the State of Maharashtra currently. The details of number of children enrolled in STC, districts, states where NCLP is operational during 2022 -23 and amount released during 2021-22 and 2022-23 is at Annexure II.

NCLP Scheme has been appraised for its continuation beyond 31st March 2021 in terms of relevant instructions of Ministry of Finance and it has been decided to subsume / merge the scheme with Samagara Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme in phased manner as under:-

- i. Project Society, currently operational, to be allowed to continue till enrolled children are mainstreamed in formal education system.
 - ii. The pending/committed liability for grant in aid and stipend to be cleared.
 - iii. No permission to be given for opening of new Special Training Centre (STC) under NCLP Scheme.
 - iv. No fresh enrolment of children in STC under NCLP.
 - v. The survey report, received in the Ministry of Labour & Employment, to be forwarded to Department of School Education and Literacy for enrolment of children in the concerned STC.
- This information was given by the Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Shri Rameswar Teli in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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Annexure-I

No. of children / beneficiaries, rescued / withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under NCLP Scheme during 2017-18 to 2021-22.

Sl. No.	State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-22*
1	Andhra Pradesh	203	778	1049	622	885

2	Assam	915	4562	6175	2800	NA
3	Bihar	2800	--	--	--	--
4	Gujarat	187	101	341	531	--
5	Haryana	NA	171	NA	NA	NA
6	Jharkhand	2014	1225	2940	3239	NA
7	Karnataka	679	763	363	275	263
8	Madhya Pradesh	11400	4910	4010	29179	2237
9	Maharashtra	5250	8122	9337	2031	2110
10	Odisha	NA	NA	6	495	15
11	Punjab	994	915	483	1307	4867
12	Rajasthan	105	NA	1712	NA	86
13	Tamil Nadu	2855	2534	3928	1456	2586
14	Telangana	2137	935	214	300	222
15	Uttar Pradesh	NA	8020	10371	9383	NA
16	West Bengal	17899	17137	13879	6671	NA
17	Uttarakhand	NA	NA	62	--	--
18	Nagaland	197	111	24	--	--
	Total	47,635	50,284	54,894	58,289	13,271

Provisional

N A : Not Available

-- Not Functional

Annexure-II

Details of number of children enrolled in STC districts, States and funds released during 2021-22 and 2022-23 where NCLP is operational as on 31.07.2022

Sl. No.	State	District	Number of Children**	Amount released (In Rs.)	
				2021-22	2022-23*
1	Madhya Pradesh	Shajapur	287	6,08,666	72,40,976
2	Odisha	Jharsuguda	275	72,46,297	-
3		Sundargarh	632	1,18,87,955	-
4	Assam	Kamrup (Metro)	1265	81,10,000	76,18,286
5		Nagaon	2768	-	-
6	West Bengal	DakshinDinajpur***	993	-	1,51,16,169
7		Alipurduar	357	30,43,450	55,18,473
8		Cooch Behar	845	94,94,714	--

* Up to 31.07.2022

** As per Annual Progress Report as on 31.03.2022

*** As per Quarterly Progress Report as on 31.12.2021

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