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NOTE ON THE WORKING OF THE STATE CHILD LABOUR PROJECT AND NATIONAL CHILD LABOUR PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

An Action Plan for Elimination of Child Labour practice in Karnataka was started during 2001 and the same has been extended for a further period of 5 years during the 11th Plan period [i.e., 2007-08 to 2011-12] vide G.O.No.KAE 71 CLC 2006 dated 29-3-2007. In the earlier Government order No.LD 54 2001 (1) dated 29-5-2001 it was earmarked to release Rs. Six Crores per year. But from 2001-02 to 2008-09 UP TO August, Rs. 14,04,05,000 has been released for this purpose.

During the year 2007-08, a Budget of Rs.350 Lakh was sanctioned to Child Labour Project Societies, and the same has been distributed among the Deputy Commissioners. For the year 2008-09 Rs.5 Crores is earmarked out of which Rs. 1.25 crores is released.

For the year 2007-08, 38 Child Labour Special Residential Schools are sanctioned in this State under State Child Labour Project & 36 schools were started in 8 Districts in the State, i.e. in Bangalore Urban, Bagalkot, Belgaum, Davanagere, Gulbarga, Kodagu, Kolar and Shimoga- For the year 2008-09 10 more Special Residential Schools are sanctioned and distributed to other districts-Bangalore Rural, Mandya, Raichur, Mysore, Bijapur and Tumkur (14 districts). Totally 46 Schools are running and 1855 Child Labourers have been rehabilitated. (ANNEXURE-A)

Grant received from Government is being distributed among Deputy Commissioners where State Child Labour Projects are functioning according to their requirement i.e., @ Rs. 4,30,600/- per Special Child Labour Residential School. For other Deputy Commissioners amount will be distributed for creating awareness programme and to celebrate 'World Day Against Child Labour'

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purpose at Ramanagarm. Proposed building Plan has been approved by Government and estimated cost of building construction is Rs. 580 Lakhs for which process is being done to get the sanction.

3 Special Residential Schools are functioning for the girl child labourers released from Domestic Sector also.

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Sensitization and awareness programmes are a continuous process and is in progress, June 12th of every year is celebrated as " **World Day Against Child Labour Practice** " throughout the State an amount of Rs.30 lakh is allotted for this purpose. On that day functions are arranged inviting important Political Leaders, eminent personalities of sports and from other fields wide propaganda is given to spread the message of evils of child labour practice.

An agreement has been entered between department of labour and "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana" to meet the additional expenditure incurred on converting the Day Schools (Run by NCLP) to Residential Schools. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana also has agreed to supply books and other teaching materials required by the children in these schools.

Special programmes launched by Government of Karnataka in eradication of child labour are as follows:

1. **Magadi Project**- With the assistance of UNICEF, Government of Karnataka has taken up the task of eradication of child labour working in Sericulture Units of Magadi taluk, with the active participation of Self Help Group, Panchayaths and by convergence

of schemes of various other related departments. With this it was possible to achieve the eradication of child labours in the Sericulture Industry in Magadi taluk .

2. DOMESTIC CHILD LABOUR PROJECT:-

Karnataka is the First State in the country to prohibit the employment of Child Labour in Domestic Sector. Government has also opened the Special Residential Schools for enrolment of released domestic child labour in Bangalore Urban District.

With the active assistance and association of NGOs from October 2006 onwards 10,983 inspections have been conducted with Special emphasis on domestic child labour and child labour in Dhabhas and Way side resorts, Hotels, Motels, Tea Shops, Resorts, restaurants, Spas and other Recreational Centres and 146 Child Labourers have been identified and released, and rehabilitated either in Child Labour Special Schools or in Main Stream Schools.

3. NORAD PROJECT AT GULBURGA AND DAVANGERE:

With the aid and assistance of Norwegian Government and UNICEF the task of elimination of child labour in Gulburga and Davangere taluks has been strengthened and employment of child labour has considerably reduced. This has been achieved with the active collaboration of Gram panchayaths.

4. CHILD TRACK SYSTEM:

The Tool has been used in five sites viz., Davangere, Gulburga, Magadi, Bangalore-Urban and Rural. In the first three locations, the collection of information and analysis of the data is

closely monitored by the three UNICEF appointed coordinators. In the last two, a local NGO has taken up the responsibility.

The experience from the field has indicated that the system is stable and the computer operators find it very user friendly. Data collection and entry is ongoing in all the 5 sites. At the end of December 2006, data of all the children had been entered in all the sites. 26 different types of analytical reports are being generated to monitor the children's data and for planning.

Special projects for the elimination of child labour on the anvil:

1. The department is taking up eradication of child labour in Sericultural units of Anekal Taluk of Bangalore urban district and Shidlaghatta of Kolar district on the pattern adopted in Magadi. The project has commenced from 1-4-2007.
2. The Labour Department will start a vocational training centre at Ramanagaram with the assistance of Boys Town an NGO from Hyderabad which will help 100% placement of all the child labour trained in that centre.

As per the guidelines of Government of India, an Action Plan was drawn for the Raid and awareness programmes for the period from 14th November 2007 to 30th November 2007. Deputy Commissioners are addressed by Principal Secretary Labour, to create awareness among public regarding evils of child labour practice.

1. Conduct workshops to the Inspectors appointed under Sec.17 of Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and NGOs involved in elimination of child labour work.
2. Conduct street plays, Kala Jathas spreading the message regarding evils of child labour practice and

compulsory Education for children in the age group of 6-14.

3. Use electronic Media like T.V, Radio, Newspaper, to give wide propaganda regarding evils of child labour practice.
4. Conduct public meeting calling VIPs like Political Leaders, eminent personalities in the field of sports, Cinema Actors and to take a oath that they will not utilize the services child labour in future.
5. Print Hand Bills, Pomplets, Posters and distribute them, display Boards on the compound of Village Panchayat, Gram Panchayat Offices.
6. Conduct meeting parents and convince them to send their children to school for compulsory and free education and not to work.

During the Raid period i.e., from 14-11-2007 to 30-11-2007, the Inspectors of this department conducted 6374 inspections throughout the State and detected 275 Child Labour in Hazardous Occupations, released them from work spot and 229 children are rehabilitated either in Main Stream School or in Special Child Labour Schools run by State Child Labour Project/National Child Labour Project.

Deputy Commissioners have printed Hand Bills/Posters and distributed, to the shop owners wherever the team visits.

Wide propaganda is given through Local Cable T.V. Operators etc.,

Workshops, Seminars, Meetings, Public gatherings were conducted to create awareness right from the beginning of 2007.

ANNEXURE- I

SURVEY ON CHILD LABOUR

Sl. No.	Name of the district	Child Labour as per 2002 survey	
		Hazardous	Non-Hazardous
1	2	3	4
1	Bangalore Urban	938	876
2	Bangalore Rural	1894	739
3	Bellary	382	3853
4	Bagalkot	334	338
5	Bidar	65	299
6	Belgaum	36	84
7	Bijapur	102	656
8	Chamarajnagar	117	84
9	Chikkamagalore	90	45
10	Chitradurga	42	1019
11	Dakshina Kannada	28	24
12	Davangere	419	1977
13	Dharwad	41	53
14	Gadag	25	880
15	Gulbarga	138	1254
16	Hassan	81	78
17	Haveri	56	1040
18	Kodagu	27	34
19	Kolar	1382	1800
20	Koppal	105	269
21	Mandya	299	5668
22	Mysore	197	368
23	Raichur	105	1815
24	Shimoga	44	44
25	Tumkur	133	73
26	Udupi	29	10
27	Uttara Kannada	3	1708
	Total	7112	32,188

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ANNEXURE-II

IMPELEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT AS ON 31-3-2008

Year	Inspection s Conducted	No. of Identified and Rehabilitated	No. of Prosecutions launched	No. of Convictions	Fine imposed
1	2	3	4	5	6
2001-02	15,680	8,848	551	24	61,300
2002-03	18,616	9,859	300	56	71,200
2003-04	93,716	11,932	4,133	135	3,08,800
2004-05	86,448	9,177	4,915	111	4,90,075
2005-06	29,774	14,488	3,614	57	5,70,000
2006-07	39,658	13,962	3,235	170	17,61,110
2007-08	17,333	16,592	732	180	21,76,150
TOTAL	3,01,225	84,858	17,480	733	54,38,635

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ANNEXURE-III

The Statement Showing the Details of District wise Child Labour Special Schools Functioning in the State Child Labour Project-2008-09

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Sanctioned Special School	No. of Schools Opened	Total No. of Child Labours
1	2	3	4	5
1	Bangalore (U)	3	3	120
2	Bangalore ®	1	1	40
3	Bagalkot	1	1	50
4	Belgaum	7	7	305
5	Bijapur	2	2	95
6	Koorg	1	-	-
7	Davangere	15	14	450
8	Gulbarga	7	7	335
9	Kolar	1	1	45
10	Mandya	2	2	70
11	Mysore	3	3	130
12	Raichur	2	2	95
13	Shimoga	2	2	95
14	Tumkur	1	1	35
	Total	48	46	1855

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ANNEXURE-IV

BUDGET FOR THE SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL CHILD LABOUR SCHOOL IN KARNATAKA UNDER STATE CHILD LABOUR PROJECT.

SL. NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT Rs.
1	2	3
1	Teachers (Instructors-3 Honorary basis 3 x2000x12 months	72,000-00
2	Peons Cum-cooks on Honorary basis 1 x 1500 x12	18,000-00
3	Food etc., Rs. 450x50 Children x 12	2,70,000-00
4	Rent, Water, Electricity (per Schools & Hostel) Rs.2300x12	27,600-00
5	Educational & Stationeries	8,000-00
6	Two sets Uniforms, Mat, Bed, Soap etc.,Rs. 600x50	30,000-00
7	Contingencies (utencils bulbs, chalk pieces etc.,)	4,000-00
8	Emergencies, medical Expenses (when medical receipts and medical certificates produced)	1,000-00
	Total	4,30,600=00

For 50 children for 12 months - Rs. 4,30,600=00

For 50 children for 1 month - Rs. 35,883=00

For 1 Child for 1 month - Rs. 718=00

Per Child Per Day - Rs. 13-60