

Identification of places of employment of child labour

748. SHRI T. THANGABALU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the places of employment of child labour State-wise; and

(b) what is the percentage of child labour in the employment market in trade, industry and agriculture, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMA VIR):

(a) Government is aware that there is concentration of child labour in certain industries such as the Match industries in Tamil Nadu, Carpet industries in Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, Slate quarries in Madhya Pradesh, Diamond cutting industries in Gujarat, Glass and Bangle industries in Uttar Pradesh, Tea Plantations in West Bengal and Brassware industry of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) A statement showing the percentage of child workers below 14 years of age on the basis of 5 percent sample data relating to 1981 Census is attached.

Statement

Percentage of Child Workers Age d Below 14 Years

Cultivators	Agricultural Labourers	Livestock, forestry, fishing, hunting, and Plantations, Orchards and allied activities	Mining and Quarrying
4.34	8.60	14.10	2.14

Excludes Assam where 1981 Census could not be conducted on account of disturbed conditions prevalent in that State at the time of 1981-Census.

Production of soda ash in Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation, Haldia

749. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Unit at Haldia has not yet started producing soda ash; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the unit proposes to start the production of soda ash?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R. C. RATH): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) For production of Soda Ash in this Complex, the raw materials required are Ammonia, Carbondioxide and Chalk

which would be obtained from the upstream plants. The upstream plants are yet to be commissioned due to equipment problems. The Soda Ash plant can be commissioned only after the upstream plants are commissioned and adequate power to run the entire Complex becomes available.

Sub-Committee on Cost and Price Structure of soda ash

750. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Committee on Cost and Price Structure of soda ash is composed of experts;

(b) whether it is a fact that these experts are only high Government Officials;