GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1866 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019

SCHEME FOR REHABILITATION OF BONDED LABOURER, 2016

1866. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)the budget allocation for the bonded labour victim rehabilitation under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourer, 2016;
- (b)the amount of budget spent for victim rehabilitation under CSS 2016 for Rahabilitation of Bonded Labourers since 2016; year-wise; and
- (c) the number of States providing the corpus of Rs. 10,00,000 to their districts for bonded labour rehabilitation as per the provisions of the scheme and the actual corpus provided since 2016, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): An amount of Rs. 33.00 crore has been allocated for the Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourer, 2016 from 2016-17 to 2019-20.
- (b): Since 2016, the year-wise expenditure under CSS 2016 for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers is as follows:

Rs. In Lakh

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
260.70	664.50	253.50	05.00 (till date)

(c): Under the Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Laoburer- 2016, a bonded labour rehabilitation fund is created at the District level by each State with a permanent corpus of at least Rs.10 Lakh at the disposal of the District Magistrate. This fund is utilized for extending immediate financial help to the released bonded labour. Immediate financial assistance up to Rs.20,000/- per bonded labour is provided by the concerned District Magistrate from the corpus fund. This amount is fully reimbursed by the Central Government to the State Government. The onus of providing corpus to the Districts for the rehabilitation of the bonded labour is on the State Government and no such data is maintained by the Central Government.
