



**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
ABSTRACT**

Child Labour eradication – Hon’ble Chief Minister’s 15 point programme – “Action Plan”- for elimination of child labour – Approved.

Labour & Employment (U2) Department

Read:

From the Commissioner of Labour LetterNo.T1/891/03,
dated 23.7.2002.

G.O.(Ms)No.53

Dated 12.5.2003.

ORDER:

The Constitution of India enjoins that education should be made free and compulsory for all children until they complete the age of 14 years. It prohibits employment of any child below the age of 14 years in any factory or mines or any hazardous employment. There are also a number of Central and State Laws prohibiting or regulating employment of children. However the practice of employing children has not yet been fully eliminated. The Hon’ble Chief Minister has announced a 15 point programme for making Tamil Nadu the best State in the Country in every sphere. Elimination of Child Labour is one of the 15 points. To achieve the above goal an “Action Plan” has been prepared in consultation with various departments of the State Government.

2. i) The Action Plan has the goals of elimination of child labour in all hazardous occupations by 2005 and in all non-hazardous occupations by 2007.

ii) The Action Plan has proposed the following strategies to achieve the above goals:

- a. Survey and identify working children.
- b. Rescue child workers and admit them in Special schools.
- c. Mainstream the children from special schools into formal schools.

- d. Conduct special drives to enroll in schools all children in the age group 5 to 7 years.
- e. Strengthen formal education.
- f. Provide skill training to children in age group 14 to 16 years.
- g. Enforce strictly laws prohibiting child labour.
- h. Generate social awareness that children should go to school and not to work.
- i. Target implementation of development schemes to benefit families of rescued child labour
- j. Achieve convergence of services of departments and of NGOs.
- k. Reward Panchayats and Municipalities, which become free of child labour.

3. The Government, after careful consideration, approve the “Action plan for Elimination of Child Labour” as in the annexure.

4. The Action Plan will be implemented through National Child Labour Project Societies in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Virudhunagar, Pudukottai, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore, Salem, Dharmapuri and Coimbatore Districts. In other Districts the Action Plan will be implemented through District Child Labour Rehabilitation-cum-Welfare Societies. for which the District Collectors are the Chairman. At State level, it will be implemented through a State Child Labour Rehabilitation-cum-Welfare Society, for which the Commissioner of Labour, Chennai will be the Chairman. The Commissioner of Labour, Chennai is requested to send proposals immediately to Government for constituting the State Child Labour Rehabilitation-cum-Welfare Society.

5. The Departments noted in the address entry are requested to implement the Action Plan immediately and extend the fullest co-operation to the Collectors and the Commissioner of Labour for the successful implementation of the Action Plan. The District Collectors who play a vital role in achieving convergence of services of all Governmental and non-Governmental; agencies, are requested to effectively implement the Action Plan.

6. Most of the activities in the Action Plan may be funded out of resources provided already under the National Child Labour Projects. For taking up other activities, the Commissioner of Labour has proposed that a sum of Rs.1.25 crores maybe provided for the period up to 2007. The Government accept the proposal and sanction an initial amount of Rs.25 lakhs (Rupees twenty five lakhs only) to the State Child Labour

Rehabilitation – cum – Welfare Society for implementing the Action Plan at District level and State level.

7. Progress of implementation of the Action Plan shall be monitored by the Commissioner of Labour and a report sent to Government by 10th of each month.

8. The amount sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following new sub head of account to be opened under Demand No.31 as detailed below:-

2235 – Social Security and Welfare-02 Social Welfare–
102 Child Welfare – Schemes in the 10th Five Year Plan–
II State Plan – KG – Assistance to State Child Labour
Rehabilitation-cum-Welfare Society – 09 Grants in aid–
01. Grants for current expenditure
02. (DPC No.2235 02-102-KG 0914).

9. The Commissioner of Labour is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority for the above new sub-head of account. The Pay and Accounts Officer/Treasury Officer are requested to open the above new sub-head in the accounts.

10. The Commissioner of Labour is authorized to draw and disburse the amount to the above Society.

11. The expenditure sanctioned in Para 6 above shall constitute an item of “New Service” Pending approval of the Legislature; the expenditure shall initially be met by an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Commissioner of Labour is requested to apply for the advance in the prescribed format in duplicate to the Finance (BG1) Department along with the explanatory note to include in the FSE 2003-2004.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.750/FS/P/2003 dated 21.2.2003 and additional sanction ledger No.60.

/By order of the Governor/

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Principal Secretary to Government.