

National Child Labour Project SCHEME

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National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme

- Government had initiated the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 1988 to rehabilitate working children in 12 child labour endemic districts of the country.

Objective of the Scheme:

- This is the major Central Sector Scheme for the rehabilitation of child labour.
- The Scheme seeks to adopt a sequential approach with focus on rehabilitation of children working in hazardous occupations & processes in the first instance.
- Under the Scheme, survey of child labour engaged in hazardous occupations & processes has been conducted.
- The identified children are to be withdrawn from these occupations & processes and then put into special schools in order to enable them to be mainstreamed into formal schooling system.
- Project Societies at the district level are fully funded for opening up of special schools/Rehabilitation Centres for the rehabilitation of child labour.
- The special schools/Rehabilitation Centres provide:
 1. Non-formal/bridge education
 2. Skilled/vocational training
 3. Mid Day Meal
 4. Stipend @ Rs.150/- per child per month.
 5. Health care facilities through a doctor appointed for a group of 20 schools.

The Target group:

- The project societies are required to conduct survey to identify children working in hazardous occupations and processes.
- These children will then form the target group for the project society.
- Of the children identified those in the age group 5-8 years will have to be mainstreamed directly to formal educational system through the SSA.
- Working children in the age group of 9- 14 years will have to be rehabilitated through NCLP schools established by the Project Society.

Project Implementation:

- The entire project is required to be implemented through a registered society under the Chairmanship of administrative head of the district, namely, District Magistrate/Collector/Dy. Commissioner of the District.
- Members of the society may be drawn from concerned Government Departments, representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, NGOs, Trade Unions, etc.

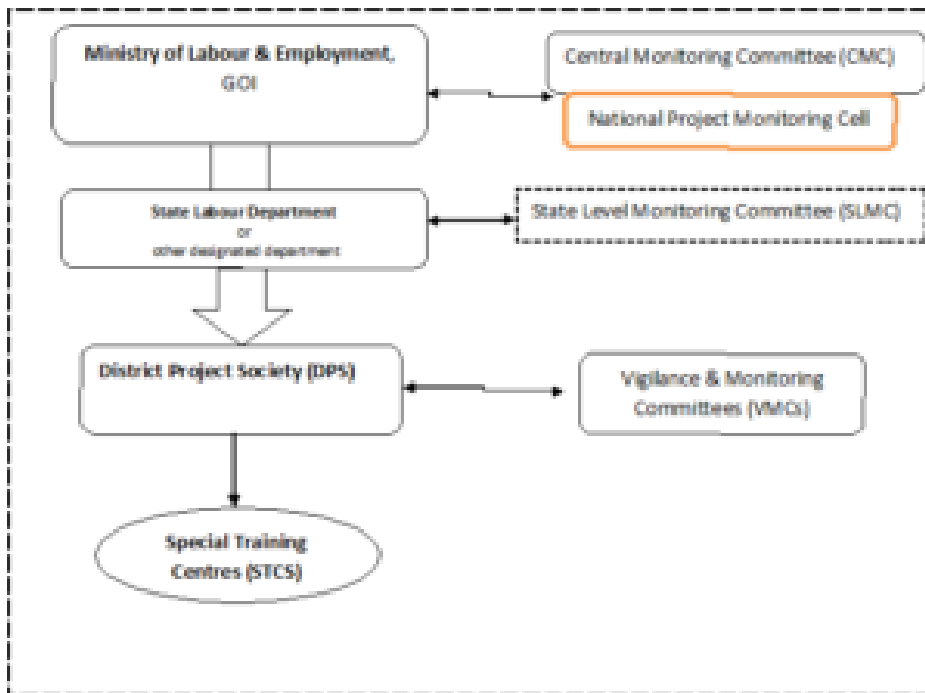
Funding pattern:

- The projects have been taken up in the Central Sector, the entire funding is done by the Central Government (Ministry of Labour & Employment).

Present Status of NCLP Scheme:

- At present about 6000 special schools are in operation under NCLP scheme.
- As on date more than 10 lakhs children have been mainstreamed into the formal education system under the Scheme.

The architecture of institutional mechanism under NCLP is as under



(PENCIL) Portal

- The Union Home Minister launched the Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour (PENCIL) Portal at the National Conference on Child Labour organised by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- The PENCIL is an electronic platform that aims at involving Centre, State, District, Governments, civil society and the general public in achieving the target of child labour free society.

Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs)

- Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the enforcement of legal framework against child labour.
- The SOP is aimed at creating a ready reckoner for trainers, practitioners and monitoring agencies to ensure complete prohibition of child labour and protection of adolescents from hazardous labour ultimately leading to Child Labour Free India.