

Registration of placement agencies

1063. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of registered placement agencies engaged in providing domestic help across the country;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that these placement agencies are getting wages of domestic help directly from the employers and are paying only meagre amounts to the domestic help;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has received any complaints against these placement agencies for non-payment of wages to the domestic help and if so, the action taken thereof; and

(e) the steps/measures taken by Government to prevent exploitation of these domestic help by the placement agencies?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) Data regarding private placement agencies is not maintained centrally. However, State Governments have been asked to take necessary steps for registration of placement agencies including those providing domestic workers.

(b) No such instance has come to the notice of Ministry of Labour & Employment.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The domestic work falls under the state sphere. The State Governments have been requested to take necessary steps for inclusion of domestic work in scheduled employment and fix minimum rate of wages for domestic workers.

Domestic child labourers

†1064. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic child labourers removed from the work in the last five years after putting domestic child labour in dangerous category;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.