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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

Jaisalmer House, Mansingh Road,
New Delhi - 110011, Dated the 9th February, 2012.

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Labour,
All State Government Offices

The assurance given in reply to supplementary questions raised during the reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Q. No. *204 for 07.12.2011 raised by Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan regarding Amendment in the Bonded Labour System Abolition Act, 1976.

I am directed to refer to the Rajya Sabha Starred Q. No. *204 for 07.12.2011 raised by Shri Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan regarding Amendment in the Bonded Labour System Abolition Act, 1976. The text of the starred question is reproduced below:

- (a) whether the Bonded Labour System Abolition Act, 1976 and its implementation is formally assented to and
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to amend the Act, making the State Government empowered to notify Special Courts for the purpose of the Act, or to modify the same by changing the present system, empowering District Magistrates with judicial power.

In the reply to the above starred questions, supplementary questions including following were asked by the Hon'ble members:

(a) By Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan:
Hon'ble Member inter-alia asked that even after 35 years of the enactment of this Act, whether the Government has made any mapping of the people who are in the grip of this bonded labour system. And whether the Government will follow the mapping system aggressively to abolish the bonded labour system.

(b) By Dr. Bharatkumar Rout: Hon'ble Member inter-alia stated:-
"I would like to bring to the notice of the House that even now the bonded labour practices are there in States like Maharashtra. Very recently, last week, one labour was caged for many days and finally he died. His entire family was chained and kept in custody. So, such incidents are still taking place. I would like to know from the Government whether it has come their notice. If so, what action has been taken against the guilty, those Zamindars who have kept them in custody?"

You are requested to furnish the information material of the above mentioned two supplementary questions to this Ministry immediately so that the assurance could be fulfilled.

Yours faithfully

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Under Secretary

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