

**Government of Karnataka**

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Karnataka Government Secretariat,  
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Sub: Regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the two day workshop on bonded labour system held in October 2003.

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In continuation of the Government letters of even No. dated: 15-12-2003 and 7-2-2004 on the above cited subject, in order to implement at the field level the recommendations of the two day workshop on Bonded Labour System held on 9-10, October 2003 at the National law School of India University, Bangalore, the following directions are issued.

1. As per the powers conferred under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, all necessary measures required for the eradication of bonded labour system like,
  1. Carrying out regular sudden inspections to identify the existence of bonded labour cases;
  2. Conducting investigation on priority in every instance found as suspected bonded labour case and, if the labourer found to be under bondage, releasing such labourer from bondage within one month and issuing release certificate;
  3. Filing criminal cases against the concerned owners in every confirmed case of bonded labour;
  4. If the released bonded labourers are interested in agriculture, identifying and sanctioning the government lands suitable for agriculture and providing agricultural implements and providing wages and foodgrains through employment facilities under SGRY to the released bonded labourers;
  5. If the released bonded labourers are interested in non-agricultural activities, providing suitable loan facilities at minimum rates of interest through local banks to promote such skill development activities, and selecting them in Swarnajayanthi Gram Swarojgar Yojane which is under implementation;
  6. Providing total rehabilitation by giving first priority to the released bonded labourers and an elderly member in the family of a child bonded labourer while identifying beneficiaries under all schemes of the Government;
  7. Conducting periodical meetings of the Vigilance Committees/ Screening Committees and reviewing there under;etc., should be taken up without fail.
2. Since bonded labour system is a continuous problem, a detailed note on the actions taken/required to be taken with regard to the eradication of bonded labour system should be prepared and handed over without fail by the relieving officer to the reporting officer at the time of transfer.



3. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations/social action groups who are nominated as members of the Vigilance Committees should be actively involved in all the activities of eradication of bonded labour/rehabilitation of liberated bonded labourers.

4. Every released bonded labourer and an elderly member in the family of a child labourer released from child labour system should be immediately provided with suitable housing and employment facilities out of the funds available at the filed level under different schemes of the Government without causing any delay. There after supplementary rehabilitation benefits should be provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

5. In order to bring awareness among the local representatives of people/ organizations/Government officials and the general public about bonded labour system/ bonded labour cases should be discussed as a regular subject in all the meetings being held at the Gram Panchayat/hobli level.

6. In addition to filing criminal case against the owners in every confirmed case of bonded labour, by seriously considering the investigation under other statutes so that maximum punishment get imposed.

7. In order to verify whether the child labour found at the time of inspection is coming under the purview the bonded labour system, notice should also be issued under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 to the owners who appoints the child labour either for domestic or for industrious work.

Since, bonded labour system is a stain on human society and in order to completely eradicating it, you are directed to strictly implement the above instructions.

Sd/-

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To,

All the Deputy Commissioners of the State

All the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Panchayats

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