

6. Usually the laws on the subject prescribe that (i) the bonded labour should be identified (ii) they should be freed from the clutches of their masters and (iii) they should be settled as per a rehabilitation sch., an essential ingredient of which is allotment of land. Have the State Govt taken action in accordance with these stipulations? Pl. give a full account of the no. identified, the package of settlement and the no. of families settled.	-do-
7. Earlier the Labour Ministry used to devolve funds for the schemes to the State Government. What is the position now?	-do-
8. The experience generally has been that due to various reasons, including bad implementation of the scheme of settlement, the bonded labour did not get the land and other components of the scheme. As such, finding no other means of livelihood, they used to revert to the old master. It is possible that, in the changing circumstances, the old master would have made the conditions of the labour less oppressive. Nevertheless, the bondage may persist in a milder form. What is the experience of the State Government? Please narrate at some length.	-do-
9. Many cases involving tribals of one state being taken to work as bonded labourers in another state have been reported. Have you come across cases involving tribals of your state working as bonded labourers in other states? If so, please give details.	-do-
10. In many tribal areas there is seasonal migration to other areas in search of employment and work on agricultural and cash crops. Some of the tribal areas are also drought-prone and contractors take these tribals to far away places giving them false hope of a better life and higher wages. Have any research studies been done to assess the dimensions of the problem and what concrete steps have been taken to ensure that the migrant labour is not exploited and the provisions of the Inter-State Migrants Act are enforced?	-do-
11. Have any independent studies been conducted covering the entire gamut of debt bondage? If so, please furnish the salient recommendations, indicating action taken.	-do-