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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Addressing the crime of Human Trafficking – watch on placement agencies and cooperation and assistance in addressing the crime of human trafficking.

A review meeting of Nodal Officers of Anti-Human Trafficking was convened by MHA under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (CS) at New Delhi on 8.6.2017. During the deliberations of the meeting, it was noted that there is a need to strengthen response to address the crime of human trafficking through coordination of concerned Ministries and Department at all levels.

- 2. Incidents of human trafficking through placement agencies come to the notice of the Government through electronic and print media from time to time. This is a serious matter as illegal placement agencies have become a hub for trafficking and these agencies are growing in alarming proportion and have become organized trafficking rackets.
- 3. The Ministry of Labour & Employment is therefore requested to sensitize officers of the Labour Department in all States and UTs to keep a close vigil and watch on the activities of placement agencies in States with a view to addressing the crime of human trafficking and render all necessary assistance to the law enforcement agencies to check the crime.

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