

Villages	Looms Employing Child Labour	Number of Child labour engaged.	Child Labour Migrated to UP
Tildagh	15	112	7
Kalyanpur	20	114	5
Peska Pendi	13	111	8
Dulduwa	16	113	3
Kajrath	12	110	7
Tasar	20	117	7
Rezo	12	110	6
Gonda	13	110	3
Bhandar	14	111	3
Manchaiya	18	117	9
Tatidiri	16	113	7
Chirka	17	117	7
Latdagh	20	112	5
Tenuwahi	15	113	3
Palhey	20	119	15
Source : Child Development Project Society ( CDPS ) Garwa			

Vivekandana Upadhyay of CDPS says, " It is estimated that about 5000 looms have been set up in hundreds of villages of Garhwa district. Now carpet magnets are spreading their tentacles to the nearby Palamau district too. Most of the children employed in the looms there are from families of poor tribal."

In gagaha - III block of West Champaran district swarms of carpet manufacturers are picking up children for setting up looms in these places. Presently, about 100 carpet looms employing 500 children of Tharu and Munda tribes are functioning there. Sources in Saharasa district point out that carpet manufacturer are making forays into Sarguja and Shadol districts of Madhya Pradesh, adjoining the carpet belt in U.P.

### **Rugmark is not Appropriate Strategy :**

Rugmark initiative is no answer to child labour problem for the following reasons:

1. Child labour - as egregious a practice as it is - child labour in the carpet industry constitute a small part of entire child labour force in India. A 1986 Ministry of Labour study put the figure of child labourers in India at 16.6 million, but estimates based on the number of children not attending school are as high as 80 - 90 million. The UNICEF office in India estimates that the number