

There are atleast 145 exporters having the license of Rugmark Foundation. Fifteen inspectors - of them four are part time - inspect about 18,000 looms. They inspect about ten percent of the looms every month, Mr. Matthew says.

<i>Rugmark Labels Issued as on Feb. 1997</i>				
Licensees	Total No Of Looms	Looms inspected	Looms with Child Labour	Child Labour Found
144	17,859	15,836	555	942

RMF claims that since its inception, spot checks by 15 Rugmark inspectors in Mirzapur - Bhadohi Varanasi carpet belt and adjoining districts of Allahabad, Sonebhadra, Shahjahanpur, Azamgarh, Jaunpur etc. found 942 children working illegally in 555 looms licensed by Rugmark Foundation (RMF). As of February 1997, 174 looms were decertified ; most of the other looms were able to pass subsequent inspections.

Carpet Industry in India
Status January 1996. (All figures approximate)

Number of looms registered by the CEPC (Carpet Export Promotion Council)	90,000.00
Number of carpet exporters	2,700.00
Number of weavers	1,500,000
Number of children in carpet production official estimate	100,000-150,000
Estimate of NGOs	300,000

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Looms under RUGMARK	13,579
Looms inspected by RUGMARK	7,535
Carpet exporters with RUGMARK	231
Licensees	92
Applicants for a license	139
Looms with illegal child labour, detected by RUGMARK	408
Child labour found by RUGMARK in total, including permitted family based child labour	703
Looms with licenses withdrawn	16
Number of carpets exported with RUGMARK label	250,48