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STUDY OF PROBLEMS AND REMEDIES OF CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of the paper is to discuss the problems and remedies of child labour in India. The children whose age is less than fourteen years and frequently compelled to work every day are called child labor. The facts and information used in the paper were acquired through reports, newspapers, articles, etc. There are many reasons of child labor such as family tradition, economic and social backwardness, less educational resources, the curse of poverty, addiction and disability, poor acquiescence of laws and greed of cheap labour. The most serious issue with child labor is that it interferes with their schooling and limits their opportunities for vocational development. Children in some workplaces are subjected to physical and mental abuse. The primary remedy to it is not to draft and adopt laws and codes. There is requirement of the detection of the crime of child labor and the strict application of the legal penalties.

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INTRODUCTION

hild labor is frequently defined as work that poor kids of their early life, self-respect, prospective and is destructive to their psychological and bodily growth. It concentrates on the labor which is harmful to physical, mental, moral and societal growth of children. In India, child labor is acknowledged as a major and extremely complex socioeconomic problem. The children whose age is less than fourteen years and frequently compelled to work every day are called child labor. They are vulnerable to undernourishment, abnormalities and decreased vision, as a result of working for long time in overloaded places of work; they are simply victim for lethal infections such as serious respiratory ailments, cancer, and tuberculosis. They are frequently forced to live apart from their family, with no real education or training options to educate them for their future prospects.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The present paper tries to meet the following objectives:

- 1. To discuss the problems and causes of child labour in India.
- To recommend suggestions to resolve the constraints of child labour.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The paper is based on information and data gathered from reports, newspapers, articles, census surveys, journals, websites, etc.

CAUSES OF CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA

The primary causes of child labor in India are as follows:

FAMILY TRADITION

This is very surprising and malicious fact that in the social order, this is quite simple to assign the name of child labor to many families. At the intentional stage, customary ethics of family put in to the difficulty of child labor in India. Various people believe that a happy living isn't their destiny and longstanding tradition of manual labour is their only basis of revenue and endurance.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BACKWARDNESS

Economic and social backwardness is also a major cause of child labor in India. Socially disadvantaged parents don't give permission to their kids to go to school. Consequently, their kids are enforced to utilize as child labour. Uneducated parents are ignorant of the effects of child labor on their children. Because of illiteracy, many parents are unknowledgeable of numerous initiatives for the schooling of their children. Child labor has been promoted by unawareness and ignorance, therefore, an unawareness of their privileges amongst them.

LESS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

In India, so many villages have lack of adequate educational facilities. The governmental slackness is partly to blame for child labor in our country. Poor families who cannot afford to educate their children are the hardest affected. When there are no inexpensive schools for underprivileged children to attend, they become illiterate and defenseless. Children are forced to survive without attending school. And such compulsions might occasionally lead kids into the trap of child labor in India.

THE CURSE OF POVERTY

The primary cause for child labor in India is poverty or scarcity. On account of scarcity, parents insist their children to work from a young age because they can't pay for the education of their children. In fact, they are well aware of the anguish of trailing treasured ones to scarcity on several circumstances. They sent their small children to work in manufacturing units, shops and houses. These judgments are made solely to provide a living for their family. Though, this type of trials demolishes emotional and physical health of their children, causing them to lose their upbringing at a youthful time.

ADDICTION AND DISABILITY

There is no earning in many households because of disability, addiction and sickness and the money earned by their children are the only source of income for the family. Populace expansion raises unemployment, which has a negative impact on child labor prevention. As a result, parents are inclined and don't send their children to school, so that their children could earn some wages in order to enhance family income.

POOR ACQUIESCENCE OF LAWS

The child labor in India continues in the absence of sufficient adherence to the rules. The laws in present social order in India state that persons contain the right to a proper edification, access to physical and mental fitness. All people have the right to participate in the sports activities which they prefer and to take pleasure in all forms of enjoyment, as well as to acquire occupation where they can make a good living and supply to the country as they grows.

GREED OF CHEAP LABOUR

Some corporations, shops and industrialists occupy children in greed for cheap labor with the intention that they have to pay them smaller amount. Shopkeepers and small business owners make children labor as hard as they do the elderly, yet pay half as much.

PROBLEMS OF CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA

- 1. Child labor gives rise to a slew of economic issues, for example, utilization of labor at its lowly production, meaning an ineffective use of labor force.
- 2. The most serious issue with child labor is that it hinders their schooling and limits their opportunities for occupational growth. They are uneducated, subjugated, and trodden workers for the rest of their life since they do not learn any skills or gain any education.
- 3. Trail of utilizing children allows for unjust contest with fully developed labor, potentially leading to unnecessary joblessness of real unemployed labor, low earnings and fewer suitable working circumstances.
- 4. As a result of the problem, poor and unsafe working circumstances on the part of working children result in tragic accidents that result in abnormalities. Children's vulnerability is worsened by their high prevalence of malnutrition and undernourishment, which makes them less resistant to devastating diseases.
- 5. Child labor promotes the disintegration of social structure and disrupts usual family existence; a child rose with before time financial sovereignty begins a bad habits at a young age, acquiring venereal illnesses and becoming addicted to intoxicants. In general, he or she marries young and begins reproducing early.
- 6. Child involvement in labour action decreases the prospective for educational and schooling progress. In several workplaces, children are subjected to psychological and bodily mistreatment. This entails prolonged and frequently everlasting disconnection from family, as well as loneliness, which can intermittently amount to implicit jail and bodily brutality.
- 7. Unless and until a systematic examination of employment in which children are engaged is conducted on a regular basis, and specific policy decisions are made to address weaknesses, the current situation is unlikely to alter in any dimension, qualitative, or quantitative way.
- 8. Other issues that workers face include a lack of clear and documented contractual obligations, a lack of programs, services of welfare, societal protection, lack of indemnity and health concern conveniences. Law regulates the children employment in just a subset of these jobs and even where guideline is required, enforcement is haphazard and sluggish.

GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO ELIMINATE CHILD LABOUR

Government of India practiced various measures to eradicate child labour in India. Main initiatives are as under:

NATIONAL POLICY OF 1974 FOR CHILDREN

This is the first government policy addressing privileges and requirements of children. It acknowledged that children are a vital talent to the nation. The purpose of the policy is to go one step further in ensuring the constitutional guarantees for children.

NATIONAL POLICY OF 1987 ON CHILD LABOR

It envisioned a lawmaking plan of action coordinating and paying attention on common progress programs to help children wherever feasible. It is plan of action for beginning schemes for the happiness of children, who are working in high child labor absorption places. So, the policy outlines plan of action for solving the problem of child labor.

THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION ACT 2009

This act requires the status to make sure that every child age of six to fourteen years get education free of cost and attend school. In conjunction with 21A article of Indian constitution, which recognizes that education is a fundamental right, it is an opportune chance to use education to eliminate child labor in India.

UNISHMENT

Anyone found employing a teenager and minor in an illegitimate employment faces punishment of prison (6-24 months) and/or a fine of Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000. If a person is found to be engaging in child labor again after being punished once, they face a prison sentence of 1-3 years.

Despite multiple targeted government schemes focusing the varied requirements of children, there is an urgent need to develop their situation in every area of child progress, safety and survival. Gender discrimination is especially prevalent in these locations, necessitating specific care to the girl child.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The issue of this bad practice, child labor is one which is extremely entrenched in the social order. The implementation of limitations and regulations eliminating child labor is not enough. The paper offers the following remedies that can be constructive in preventing and discontinuing the problem of child labor:

- 1. Children are allowed to work in family businesses or as household helpers. In order to prevent the provision from being abused by the weak, this is very crucial to explain in order to take in the institution of Hindu complete family and parents when using the term "family institutions".
- 2. It is not simple to eradicate child labor, and long-term prevention measures are more viable. Any national child labor eradication policy must include social mobilization and community involvement as one of the key prevention tactics. It is crucial to make sure that kids attend formal schools at home rather than leaving to work full-time.
- 3. There is no precise definition of child labor under the Indian Statutes. Given the wide range of job minimum ages, it is difficult to avoid child labor. There should be a thorough definition of child labor that covers all workplaces and occupations.
- 4. The children, who are observed doing work in risky institutions must be included in rehabilitation and reformative programs. After being rescued from dangerous facilities, provisions should be taken to ensure that their mental, emotional, and physical wellness is obtained.
- 5. Due to his financial situation, a child is forced to work in unfavorable circumstances. By suggesting guidance in a definite skill and training an expertise, stipulations must be prepared to encourage self-sufficiency.
- 6. The labor department cannot be the only entity responsible for ending child labor. The society must be involved in a movement, and its members must be given a formal or legal standing.
- 7. This is trouble-free to stay children beyond the grip of child labor when they are enrolled in school and given a proper education. Child labor and Education are directly associated.

CONCLUSION

Thus, it is clear from the study that there are many contributing aspects to the problem of child labor, which looks to be substantial. The most innocent period of a person's life is their childhood. A youngster is at the age when all tensions are gone. However, they are now dealing with a variety of issues. Caused by a lot of troubles in the social order, together with scarcity, less economic safety, unfavorable societal circumstances, etc., child labor is a destructive practice. This not only prevents development of children but also eliminates all prospects for future growth that may have given the child batter opportunities. It turn into difficult to prevent the lawbreakers when they have authorization to work in family institutions after school hours and no clear description of family institutions is given. The primary remedy to it is not to draft and adopt laws and codes. There is requirement of the detection of the crime of child labor and the strict application of the legal penalties. The responsibility does not end here; the child must also be rehabilitated and given all the educational, recreational, and reformatory support he needs to become independent and seize possibilities that will assure a bright future in accordance with his or her abilities.

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