



Situational analysis of Child Labour in Patna Municipal Corporation Area (PMC)

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Abstract : *The term 'Child Labour' refers to the employment of children as regular and sustained labour. This practice is considered exploitative by many international organizations and has been declared illegal in many countries. The Indian Constitution in this regard has laid down the following rules related to child labour in the country. No child below the age of 14 years shall be employed in any factory or in any hazardous employment (Article 24); and the state shall endeavor to provide within a period of ten years from the commencement of the constitution free and compulsory education for all*

children until they complete the age of 14 years (Article 45). In spite of all these efforts, policies, and rules one comes across the stark reality – a large number of children are employed in various sphere of activities all over India and Bihar as well. So the purpose of the study is to examine the different fields of employment of child labourers found in the study area, to estimate the number of migrant child labourers, to find the causes which force children to work as child labourers, to observe the social status of child labourers in terms of caste, religion, health conditions, living status, educational level and so on, to find out the work load of the child labourers and the facilities provided to them by their employers, to assess their working conditions and wage, to judge the spatial variations, if any regarding the status of child labourers in Patna Municipal Corporation Area.

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