

PROBLEMS OF THE CHILD LABOUR WORKING IN URBAN HOTELS, WITH REFERENCE TO PUNE CITY

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ABSTRACT

Child labour is a Universal phenomena and it is a by-product of socio-economic structure of the society. Child labour can be classified as hazardous and non-hazardous labour. In India the problems of child labour is alarming. Today the country is having the world's largest number of child labour. The empirical research on child labour shows that, the child labour has been increasing in urban areas from the last two decades. Pune is not the exceptional urban area in increasing child labour in organized and unorganized sectors.

The pune city is fastest growing city in India, especially in education, industries and hotel establishments. There are large numbers of hotels and restaurants being operated in the city Pune, all these hotel were classified in large size, medium size and small size hotels. 'A' grade, 'B' grade 'C' grade hotels. Child labourers are mostly working in 'B' grade (Medium size) 'C' grade (Small size) hotels of Pune city.

The analysis in this section are mainly based on the data obtained from 300 child labour workers, which is 5% of the total child labour population of 6000 in Pune city.

The present research study is an attempt to examine and describe the social factors, economic factors, familial factors, physical & psychological factors and other factors, which is being the problem of the child labour engaged in urban area of Pune city. And the findings also explore the inefficiency of law, administrative system, policy and lack of governmental mentor of the Pune city.

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