

INDIA

MEET A CHILD

8 year old Hari works in a zari unit in Delhi. His work involves attaching beads and zari to clothes which are then sold at high prices in the markets. The beads are small and the work causes eye strain. But he is paid about Rs.10 a month, if at all. He works in a ill-lit small room with many more children like him. All of them eat there and sleep there at nights. At summers the temperature is high and they often suffer from heat boils. They are not allowed to go out. If anybody tries to run away, he/she is beaten severely.

TOTAL POPULATION 1,086,640,000
CHILD POPULATION 391,190,400

Population Reference Bureau

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

14% of children between 5-14 years are involved in child labour

State of World's Children 2005, UNICEF

In 2001, the ILO estimated that 11.6 percent of children aged 10 to 14 years in India were working

The US Dept. of Labor's Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

An estimated 535,102,000 would be economically active in 2010. Of them 8,454,000 would be children in the age group 10-14 yrs accounting for 7.5% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

943 females for 1000 males

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, there were 20,549,000 out of school children in the primary school age group of 6-10

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.700, India's level of progress towards achieving education for all is low

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CHILD SLAVERY

Trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children was a problem during the year. In June, social activists, journalists, and

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

the parents of 11 girls who complained of being tortured and forced into sex slavery intervened at a circus in Uttar Pradesh after the district magistrate failed to act on their complaints. While one circus owner was arrested on charges of sexual exploitation, none of the girls, all of whom were from Nepal, were allowed to go home. Later in October, five minor girls were returned to the custody of the Nepali NGO Maiti Nepal after the girls were rescued from a circus in north Bihar. Legal proceedings continued at year's end against the owner of the circus under the Indian Child/Bonded Labor Act and the Minimum Wages Act, and the circus was shut down.

NGOs estimated that there were 20 to 65 million bonded laborers in the country, including a large number of children

Numerous studies show that the vast majority of females in the Indian commercial sex industry are currently victims of sexual servitude or were originally trafficked into the sex trade. The country is also home to millions of victims of forced or bonded labor.

Nepalese women and girls are trafficked to India for sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, and forced labor.

In 2003, the Labor Commissioner estimated that there were 3,000 bonded child laborers in the Magadi silk twining factories

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD TRAFFICKING

India is a source, transit, and destination country for women, men, and children trafficked for the purposes of sexual and labor exploitation.

The country also served as a transit point for Bangladeshi girls and women trafficked for sexual exploitation to Pakistan, and for boys trafficked to the Gulf States to work as camel jockeys

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CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

More than 2.3 million girls and women were believed to be working in the sex industry within the country, and experts believed that more than 200,000 persons were trafficked into, within, or through the country annually.

Women's rights organizations and NGOs estimated that more than 12,000 and perhaps as many as 50,000 women and children were trafficked into the country annually from neighboring states for commercial sexual exploitation

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

According to an International Labor Organization (ILO) estimate, 15 percent of the country's estimated 2.3 million prostitutes were children, while the U.N. reported that an estimated 40 percent were below 18 years of age.

Girls as young as 7 years of age were trafficked from economically depressed neighborhoods in Nepal, Bangladesh, and rural areas of the country to the major prostitution centers of Mumbai, Calcutta, and New Delhi

In Mumbai, an estimated 90 percent of sex workers started when they were under 18 years of age; half are from Nepal

ECPAT CSEC Database,
http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Armed groups were reported to have recruited children in Jammu and Kashmir and in localized conflicts in several other states.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers 2004.

Continued recruitment of children by the Maoist-communist People's War Group (PWG) in the state of Andhra Pradesh was reported in June 2002. In late December 2002 a leading member of the PWG was reported as saying that the group would recruit and train 3,000 children by May 2003.

In July 2002 a representative of the Revolutionary People's Front-Manipur (RPF-Manipur) said that the group had a policy of recruitment based on mental and physical maturity, but that recruits must be at least 16 years of age and must volunteer. And the representative said that in practice, the youngest person ever trained was 17.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

Children work under hazardous conditions in a number of sectors, such as fireworks, stone quarrying, match, making, silk weaving, lock making, brick manufacturing, and footwear and brassware production. Children are also found working as domestic servants and living on the streets.

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