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Legal Rights of the Child: Policy and Enforcement in Bangladesh

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Abstract: 1995

Protection of basic human rights is now recognised as a primary obligation of every society whatever its political ideology or level of development. Since World War II, there has been universal acceptance of minimum human rights standards usually protected by the Constitution and the laws of various countries. People have become increasingly aware of their rights and obligations vis-à-vis the state and centres of power (Menon : 1990).

One section of persons who are ordinarily not aware of their rights and do not possess the resources to seek this enforcement are children. Of course, among children there are some who, because of their having relatively better placement enjoy the rights in greater measures compared to their less fortunate brothers and sisters. And even in certain societies brothers have superior status as compared to their sisters both in law and society. On the other hand, the children of parents who are at the lower income level and social status are doubly disadvantaged. They are at the receiving end of social justice despite of all the guarantees and declarations in law and policy.

There has been a growing concern in recent years on the increasing population of this country that imposes a major impact on its resources. The country is running short of education, health-care and welfare facilities. Nearly 48% of the total population of Bangladesh is children that constitute a bulk figure of 51 million.

In the present study an attempt has been made to reveal the prevailing condition of rights of the children in Bangladesh. The present work has been divided under two parts. In its first part the rights of children have been illustrated under the sub-heads 1. Right to Education; 2. Right to Health; 3. Right to Welfare; 4. Vocational Rehabilitation with a number of tables. In the second part, problems of child have been illustrated under the sub-heads 2.1. Child Labour, 2.2. Street-Child, 2.3. Child abuse and exploitations, 2.4. Juvenile Delinquency, 2.5. Disabilities, 2.6. Child as victim of addiction. In the conclusion of the work some recommendations have been made in order to improve life quality of the children in Bangladesh.

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