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India needs better implementation of its child rights laws

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United Nations came criticizing on India for not implementing its extraordinary laws meant for protection of its children from child labor, bonded labor, malnutrition and child prostitution and provide every child its right to quality education till the age 14 as per the Right to Education Act -2009.

India's status of children was under debate before United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child after 10 yrs gap as India didn't bother to submit its 3rd periodic report in2008 and combined 3rd and 4th periodic report was jointly submitted. Govt of India was represented by a high level delegation headed by Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development Mr Shankar Aggarwal ,Mr.Dilip sinha Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to UNO at Geneva and senior officers of Home Ministry, Health & Family Welfare, Deptt of Disability Affairs, Ministry of labor,HRD and External Affairs Ministry who answered to the queries of the UN -CRC committee which was setup to monitor the implementation of the International Convention on The Rights of the Child.

United Nations has shown great concern on the state of affairs in regard to its out of school children who are mostly locked up in the child slavery in the form of child labor, bonded labor and child prostitution .As per UNICEF estimates , 80 million children are out of school and locked up in child labor. This number is half of the world's child labor. India does not agree to this number and shows census figures data of 2011 as 12.6 million children as child labor. As per credible reports, half of India's children dropout by the standard VIII due to caste system, poor quality of teaching, insufficient teachers, lacking infrastructure such as proper sitting arrangements and class rooms, library, toilets and drinking water and lack of motivational environment for learning.

The CRC members were concerned at very high rate of child mortality and maternal mortality and lack of proper health facilities in govt run hospitals in the country.

UN was also concerned at the state of affairs of its girl Childs brought in to child prostitution and domestic labor through trafficking. It is estimated that there are 2.8 million women in prostitution largely due to poverty and trafficking by interstate and inter country gangs. Out of which about 1.2 million are minor girls from age 10 to 18 years of age. India is known as hub of trafficking in women, source, supply, transit and sales. Mumbai is the most infamous megacity of girl prostitutes and police has not shown required urgency and interest in liberating these young girls from the brothels spread over several parts in Mumbai, Delhi,Kolkata,Chennai,Hydrabad,Bangalore,Pune,Nagpur,lucknow and several other cities. India had made Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act 1956 for prevention of prostitution, relief and rehabilitation of liberated girls.

India in its replies to the question from CRC committee said that India is not only largest democracy but the youngest nation as its 472 million population falls in the category of children below 18 yrs of age. It has also informed that India brought New Child Policy 2013 and Formed National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Rashtriya Kishore Swastha Mission in 53 districts, ICDS, Integrated Cell for The Prevention of Trafficking in 225 distts and SAKSHAM scheme for adolescent girls. Committee was particularly concerned that most of marginalized SC/ST and minorities are the victims of child labor, bonded labor and trafficking and urged India to only work for implementation of its outstanding laws and gave a Mantra-“implementation! Implementation!! Implementation!!! for henceforth to follow. of its all child protection and child advancement laws.

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