

Q: 2018

1) What is juvenile delinquency?
Explain the nature, extent and causes of Juvenile delinquency in Pakistan. Suggest remedial measures for reducing juvenile delinquency in Pakistan?

"They are not juvenile delinquents but are taken from homes that were bad for them"

(Brandi Dollae)

Introduction:

Juvenile delinquency is the crime committed by children don't reach the legal age. It is becoming very much common in Pakistan's society, as its causes are not being properly addressed. Firstly, the causes had to be found out and their solution should be found and then it can be eliminated from the society.

What is juvenile delinquency

Juvenile is the word used for a child who do not attained the legal action yet. Delinquency is derived from a latin word meaning negligence. Juvenile delinquency is an antisocial behaviour of a child which against the normal social code of conduct.

Merriam webster dictionary defines it in a way,

"A conduct by a juvenile which is anti-social behaviour beyond the parental control and is subject to legal action"

According to definition of Pakistan Penal code, 169,

"A juvenile delinquent is a criminal below 18 years of age"

James Buifield and Dawn Bartsch defines it in a way,

Actions that violate the

laws committed by a person under the legal age of majority"

2. Nature & Extent of Juvenile Delinquency:

The nature and extent of juvenile delinquency is very serious and threatening. When children are involved in crime cases, they will be away from education and when they reach their adolescent age, they will be involved in even larger criminal cases.

"According to report by OTJSC, almost 18% were criminals among the total 10,000 juveniles caught by police in the year 2019"

It is very serious problem as the youth of any country is its assets. So, it is very important to cut the roots before it will become permanent.

Causes of Juvenile Delinquency

1. Lack of Family Affection and support:

Environment of home is very important for the upbringing of a child. But, if there is quarrel between the parents, then children mostly go out of homes to find peace, where they got involve in different criminal activities.

According to study by Carter in 1982, "Any sort of deviation in families has negative effects on its members but specifically on Adolescents."

2. Low percentage of children go to school:

One of the basic cause of juvenile delinquency is the low percentage of people go to school. There is large population

of children who are out of school. According to UNICEF,
"Almosts 22.5 Million children are out of school in Pakistan which is almost 44% of Children population of 5-18 years of age"

3. Large proportion of child population is diverted towards child labor

There is a large population of children is involved in child labor. According to UNICEF, almost 3.3 Million population of children is involved in child labour.

4. Children having Psychological Issues

Children having psychological issues are more prone towards juvenile delinquency. According to a research by Ayesha Mian, in Agha Khan university,

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almost 20 million children are mentally disturbed in Pakistan

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5. Children living in Poor Scio-economic status

Children living in poverty-driven areas are more involved in these crimes more. It is best explained by

Robert Merton's theory of Anomie,

according to which, poor children cannot afford the materialistic things

within legal means. Then, in order to

fulfill their wishes, they adapt

illegal means to give themselves happiness

Remedial Measures

1. Strengthening the role of Family:-

Peace and happiness would prevail in homes and among family members.

Parents should give ample care and attention to their children. And,

they should be aware of their

friendships and activities

"The father is a guard against juvenile delinquency who is strict and loving at the same time."

(Sheldon Grucker)

2. Implementation of Juvenile Legislation:

In Pakistan, Juvenile Justice ordinance was promulgated in 2000, but legal court for juveniles was established in 2017, after 17 years. It is very important to take practical action for the implementation of Juvenile legislation.

3. Establishment of observation and rehabilitation centres:

It is written in Juvenile Act 2018 that juvenile offender is not to be placed in prisons, but in observation and rehabilitation centre. They are very important to reintegrate the offender in society again, otherwise they

transform into seasonal criminals.

4. Strengthening the role of Probationary officers:

Special training must be given to the probationary officers of Juveniles or dealing with the children. Probationary officer plays very important role in rehabilitation and reintegration juvenile into the society and make them useful members for society.

5. Separate staff of adults and juveniles:

There must be a separate staff of adult and juveniles because staff have deep effects on juveniles. Staff should be given proper training on how to deal with the juvenile offenders.

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6. Availability of education to offenders:

Educational facilities must be made available to the juvenile offenders. There must be teachers who give lectures to the juveniles, so that they focus on study instead of criminals' outrages. Students should be given motivation lectures about life and its significance.

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Conclusion-

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Juvenile delinquency is a ~~shoo~~ enigma which is a dark shadow for Pakistan's society.

It has to be eliminated by policy making at governmental as well as that public level.

Its causes should be find out and they must be eradicated to achieve healthy and prosperous society.