

# Essay : Criminal Neglect of child Labor and its Consequences

## Outline

### A. Introduction

Thesis Statement : Due to various causes, the world is faced with serious issue of criminal neglect of child labor. The menace has devastating consequences for individuals, societies, and economies. Therefore, to overcome this problem, pertinent measures at international and national level need to be taken.

### B. An Overview on Criminal Neglect of child labor ;

- Types of child labor
- Various forms of criminal neglect

### C. Causes of Criminal Neglect of child Labor

(a) Lack of implementation of welfare state policies ;

• Case study of state of Madhya Pradesh

(b) The challenges of political instability and economic crisis in the country ;

• Government less focus to the issue of child labor



- (c) Deep poverty line in the society ;
  - Overpopulation and extreme poverty
- (d) Poor budgetary allocation for education ;
  - less than 4% (percent) budget for education
- (e) Increasing demand for cheap labor

#### D. Devastating Consequences of Criminal Neglect of child labor

- (a) Continuation to the perpetuation of cycle of the poverty
- (b) The increasing physical and mental health problems ;
  - Stunted growth
  - WHO World Health Report 2023
- (c) lagging scientific advancement and technological development
- (d) Increase in crime rates and brain drain ;
  - low HDI rank of Pakistan
- (e) Rampant increase in the culture of exploitation, inequality, and violence of human rights ;
  - Human Rights Watch Report 2023
- (f) Under-development of a country ;
  - Increasing class difference in a society
  - child trafficking
  - lower Prosperity Index (Legatum Prosperity Index 2022 ranks Pakistan 136<sup>th</sup> out of 167<sup>th</sup> countries)



## E. Way Forward to Combat the Criminal Neglect of Child Labor

(a) More focus be given to the long-term vision regarding sustainable development

(b) True implementation of welfare state policies ;

- Prevalence of good-governance

(c) Legal protection for child labor prevention ;

- Financial incentives to the poor families in shape of Ration Card and Sehat Card

(d) Awareness campaign at mass level against child labor ;

- Involvement of international organizations, governments, media, civil and public society, and NGOs.

## F. Conclusion