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Child Labour in Mizoram and Its Implications on Education

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Abstract

Nature and nurture are the two factors recognized for the growth and development of any individual. Every child is unique and supposed to be nurtured with love, care and affection within the family and society. But, due to socio-economic disparities some children worldwide are deprived of such conducive environment, particularly in the poverty afflicted sections of the society. Childlabour is a serious problem globally and in our country too. It is prevalent both in rural and urban areas with variation in nature of work and work places. Such children are not only deprived of education but also are being exploited in different forms. The state of Mizoram is not an exception to it. The present article is based on an empirical study conducted in rural and urban areas of two sampled districts of Mizoram with a view to find out the causes of child labour in the state and the educational status of such children. The findings revealed that though there are rules and regulations for prevention of child labour in the state confirming to that of the country, poverty is the main cause of such practice in the state. Besides, ignorance of people, socio-cultural practices, lack of strict implementation of the provisions are the other causes for the problem. Unless such problems are addressed, the objective of RTE Act, 2009 cannot be achieved in the state.

Key words: Child Labour, poverty, social causes, educational status, educational prospect

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