Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children;  
With special reference to India.

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Abstract

Trafficking of children or the sale of children is a form of human trafficking and is defined as the “recruitment, transportation, of a child for the purpose of exploitation. The terms “commercial sexual exploitation” to acknowledge that the use of children and youth for sexual acts is abuse and is inherently exploitative. In India, there is a large number of children trafficked for various reasons such as labour, begging, and sexual exploitation. People from India are being trafficked to Middle Eastern countries for domestic help, manual labour, child marriages etc. Therefore, the objective of this research is to analyse trends and patterns of commercial sexual exploitation of children and there by determining the causes and effects to the children’s physical, mental health and their childhood lives. This research takes up a qualitative approach and to that it gathers the secondary data that assess the sexual exploitation of children in India. The analysis is largely based on the most hazardous, billions earning illicit business in India and its impacts to the economic growth as well. And its effects to the children and public generation. This research findings manifest that although India uphold and amend conventions or projects to combat this illicit business to some extent but it is not the end of this business to the slave masters. It also concludes that some child protection programmes with neighbouring countries became a mechanism to combat this issue. And also, this illicit business takes away the freedom and security of the children worldwide, it violates human rights of children.

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