

WHY ARE CHILDREN STILL BEGGING ON THE STREETS?

The Laws Exist

36/36A "If a person employs a child for begging or causes a child to beg"...or "employs or incites a child to sell goods with the intention of begging"...he shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years"...with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees"

24 "A child protection officer may take into custody a destitute and neglected child and produce him along with the complaint before a court within twenty four hours of taking the child into such custody"

"'protection' means shelter, maintenance, education, health-care and well-being of a destitute and neglected child..."

The Punjab Destitute And Neglected Children Act 2004

The Organisation Exists

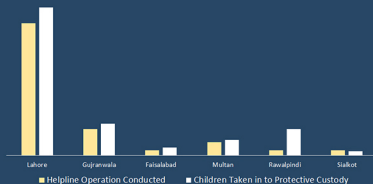
In order to provide care, rehabilitation, education and training to the destitute and neglected children, Government of the Punjab established Child Protection and Welfare Bureau in March, 2004.

Not only this but a child protection court has also been established which addresses the issues like custody and legal reunification of the children with their parents. A child helpline has also been set up which provides guidance, help and coordination for their rescue and protective custody.

Yet, we see begging children on the streets every day.

Future doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, human-beings
— just being exploited

This isn't a legal problem, the laws have existed since 2014, it's a social issue



- The above data is taken from the Pakistan Child Protection & Welfare Bureau website
- It seems the Helpline Operations and Children taken in to Protective Custody share related trends
- Project C.A.R.E aims to increase awareness about the laws and institution that help reduce the number of children begging out on the streets
- An app that guides people in reporting begging children to the appropriate authorities and gathers evidence to prosecute exploiters of children



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