**You feel sad and disgusted as you find so many children working in shops, hotels and factories. In spite of the government’s best efforts to give them education, the situation has become very dismal. Evaluate the pathetic situation of child labour with a few examples from daily**

**CHILDREN BEGGING AND CHILD LABOUR**

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Children’s mind is like the potters clay. It has to be shaped right. A child normally has to enjoy its childhood with parents, teachers and friends. It is the age wherein fine and long lasting Impressions gather in a child’s mind.

Every child in each family has the right to enjoy his childhood. But inspite of this a few children are forcefully put to do work. Due to poverty poor parents put their children to work, in order to supplement the family’s economic status. We people are most of the times unaware of the talents and interests in them. Their urge to go to school is dismissed by their poor misled parents.

Just yesterday I had gone to some garden in Mulund east. I felt so sorry and disgusted for the children who sold tea. He watched the other children play. I am sure that he would also want to play in the same way with his friends rather than selling tea in a corner. We can also find children selling newspapers on highways. Not all children who beg on the streets are homeless. They are forcefully being made to hit the streets and beg for money. They’re sent pout on the streets and have a daily quota of money to bring back to their owners.

One of the most pervasive forms of child slavery is domestic servitude. They cook, care for children, garden, fetch water, clean and do anything else that needs to be done in the homes where they are employed. Terrifyingly, this kind of slavery could be happening next door and it would be hard to ever know. The stories almost include a vulnerable trafficked child, who was lured into a family, where they became isolated.

All such averse practices are supposed to be abolished once and for all. We people are like the four brothers, ‘Everybody’, ‘Somebody’, ‘Anybody’ and ‘Nobody’. Everybody thought that somebody would do it, anybody could have done it but nobody did it. We see such activity in front of our eyes but we do not prevent it from continuing further.

We all should come together and abolish child labour. We should abolish it in such a way that the future generation has no traces of it. In addition each individual should take responsibility of reporting about anyone employing a child below the age of fourteen years. However considering the magnitude and extent of the problem, concerted efforts must be made from all sections of society, to make sure that every child has a well-deserved, healthy and normal childhood.