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**Juvenile Delinquency**

**Introduction:**

The criminal acts committed by juveniles fall into the sphere of juvenile delinquency. In Pakistani society lack of guidance from family, improper education, poverty, and inadequate resources are few causes of juvenile delinquency.

**Definition:**

According to Black's Law Dictionary, antisocial behavior by a minor especially behaviour that would be criminally punishable if the actor were an adult, but instead is usual, punished by special laws pertaining only to minor is called juvenile delinquency.

Offences committed by people below the age of legal responsibility. (Oxford Dictionary)

**Basic Causes in Pakistan:**

**Customary Causes:**

Juveniles are attracted by some causes that urge them to commit crimes. It means the causes which are inherent in our society. These include crimes like robbery, gambling, drinking and others.

**Sociological Causes:**

Our societal structure also make pathway for juveniles to commit crimes or they lead a life full of offences and punishments. Examples are bad company of children, ignorance from family, over population and poor family conditions.

**Mental Causes:**

Juveniles are encouraged to commit crimes by several ways and means. The causes which directly affect their mindsets allow them to take part in evils. In this case internet , mass media and drug addiction are causes .

**Economic Causes:**

One of the main causes of juvenile delinquency are poor economic conditions of families. This can be related to over population as well. Parents are not able to fulfill basic necessities of life which is a primary cause of juvenile crimes. Unemployment and gambling are some examples.

### **Family Causes:**

Role of family is very much important in this regard. If a juvenile is not provided attention by the family he will indulge in evil activities. Also, if he sees his father doing crimes like robbery, he will also become a robber due to his family background.

### **Moral Neglection:**

Juveniles do not have education of moral values, Moral and ethical values are not included in the primary nourishment of children leading them to chaos.

### **Religion:**

They are not strong in religious matters which also leads them to commit crimes. Religion provides the basic knowledge of difference between wrong and right.

Remedies for Juvenile Delinquency:

### **Family Counseling:**

Families should be provided proper awareness and counseling for bringing up their children so that there is not any loop hole in their development. Family is responsible for primary socialization of child. Adequate day-care arrangements should be provided to earning parents. Maternity leave is also a good gesture in this regard.

### **Educational Programs:**

There should be proper guidance for juvenile as well as for family so that both perform their role properly afterwards. Government should make arrangements in this regard. Children should be awarded of punishments and sanctions of doing evil deeds.

### **Mass Media:**

Media should play an important role by displaying fruitful activities to children. Sensitive content should not be transferred to masses. There should be a proper method of censoring films. Social evils like pornography and sexual violence should be prohibited on a larger scale.

### **Reducing Unemployment:**

Providing jobs to the needy people is also a cure to juvenile delinquency. Government should devise ways for equal distribution of resources without any discrimination. Increasing the salaries of low income population will be a positive thing.

### **Religious Activities:**

Parents should develop bond between children and religion. A child having good knowledge of religion will be able to choose right path in his life.

**Interaction with Parents:**

Parents do not pay heed to their children due to burden of work. Children are deprived of proper care by parents. This reduces confidence of child. Working hours should be arranged in a way that every person should devote some of his time to his family.

**Conclusion:**

Juvenile delinquency is a major problem in countries like Pakistan due to lack of resources, over population and ignorant families. Slums and backward areas are responsible for crime committed by children. Government should play a vital role for reducing juvenile delinquency.

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