

EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SEX WORKERS- A SURVEY BASED APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

Education is the birth right of every children. To inculcate some essential qualities, skills and abilities, education is required. It is only the education that can convert darkness of ignorance into light of knowledge. Education should not be the property of the rich and reputed person of the society rather it should be equally provided to all without caring any social discrimination. In our country, the situation of the children of sex workers is very poor. It is the matter of shame that they are not recognized by their talent rather they are famous by the profession of their parents. It is their fault if they do not know the

name of their father but again and again in the society, they are abused, insulted and ill-treated by the so called respected people of the society. They consider themselves respected but they do not have the sense of humanity in their heart and mind. An attempt has been made by this research paper that the children of those sex workers should be treated properly and they should be provided the best education also so that they can change their destiny. They should not be the victim of harassment.

KEYWORDS: Education, Discrimination, humanity, victim, harassment.

INTRODUCTION

It is the dream of every mother that her child should touch the heights of success and enrichment that cannot be possible without proper education. A mother can tolerate all sort of pain to protect her child. The same feelings are of the commercial sex workers. They also

want that their children should go to school. They should have the proper life style. They should be treated well in the society. But it is the destiny of our society that every school asks the name of the father for the admission of any child. Without the name of the father, admission process cannot be completed. The poor children of such kind of commercial sex workers have the desire to get education but they do not have the name of their father. And they are not familiar with the name of their father so they are not having the right to acquire any kind of academic education. There is no value of their dreams, rights and desires.

Education is the requirement of every child. Law and constitution has given him this right. Only by the weapon of education, all the darkness of life can be converted into the light of enlighten. Education is required for a bright future. It is necessary for the growth of career. The miserable condition of any person can be changed only by education. So the system should understand the necessity of acquiring knowledge through education for the children of commercial sex workers. God knows what kind of hardships that mother might have faced so she is unable to tell the name of the father of her son. This society is doing every kind of torture to such kind of children. These children are facing a lot of social discrimination. Their only fault is that they are the children of sex workers. Due to which, they should not dare to live like others. But this approach should be changed. People should try to understand their feelings, emotions, ambitions and desires. They should come ahead to help them, support them and guide them so that they can change their life and their parents life too. Such kind of humanitarian approach is highly required.

Background of Commercial Sex Workers

Research has proved that a lot of causes may be that can compel anyone to convert into a sex worker. In few countries, it is considered just like a profession. After doing this profession, one can easily go to his or her family. They consider it just like a job. Rather in other country, the students are bound to engage into this profession to earn money for tuition fee and other expense. Few women have to engage in this profession for their family conflict, poverty and many more reasons. Besides it, other factures like sex trafficking, exploitation betray in love and relationship and many more reasons may be the causes of it. None wants to get engage in this profession happily rather it is their compulsion that their requirements and needs lead them to choose this profession.

But this society cannot understand their problems so an attempt has been done by humanitarian approach with the help of this paper. This research is based on the interactive

sessions with the children of sex workers, records of the schools, interviews of some sex workers etc. Actually in Meerut, there is a place that is known by the name of Kabadhi Bazar where a lot of ladies work as sex workers. As its name Kabadhi Bazar indicates that it is the market of those things which are considered as a Kabadha means useless items. Common people avoid passing through that market. Actually it is the passing way of a lot of other markets as well so sometime people have to pass it to enter into other market. No female wants to enter into that road that has already being announced as a dirty road where all sort of dirt is there. This is the mentality of the common people regarding that road and that market. Just try to understand when they are having such feeling of road, what and how they think about those people who live on that market and who does the work of sex workers. Really some amendment is required in this regard.

OBJECTIVE OF THIS RESEARCH

The main object of this research is to analyze and feel the pain, burden, needs, requirements, problems, emotional and psychological background of the child of the commercial sex workers who are not treated as a human being rather it is their fault that they belong to that market or they belong to that majority of people who do not have their own identity rather they are known and renounced as sex workers. This research is related to the ten children of sex workers who live in Kabadhi Bazar, Meerut. They are highly interested for getting education. They want to go to school but they are not eligible because they do not know the name of their father to write on the admission form.

METHODOLOGY

Research Method

Sex workers community based participatory approach was uses as recuperation the children of sex workers. Ten children were the main approach of this research.

Research Area

Ten children of sex workers, their mothers and few teachers and the principles of some schools were related to this research. They all belong to Meerut.

Selection of these Children

These ten children were selected randomly. They are having the desire to get knowledge and education. They are struggling for making their own identity. They all are below fifteen years old.

Stepping in Intercession for this Research

Proper planning was the first step of this research. The following steps were followed to examine the actual situation, the mental condition and their desire to get knowledge and education.

First of all, after the common talk of four or five children, it was realized that they had the desire for a better life and want to get education but besides it, they are familiar with their actual condition. They know that their mothers are looked as a polluted part of the society. Then they told that some mothers dared to go to school for the admission of their children but the school management was not ready to admit their children. According to them, they were not fulfilling the criteria of taking admission and if anyhow they fulfill then also they are not suitable for their school because their admission can be harmful for the prestige of the school and they cannot take any risk for the honor of the school. So they could not take admission there. Those children told about other four children who are having a strong desire to get education. Then they called those four children. After interacting them, it was realized that they need help in this regard. They want knowledge at any cost and for it, they took the help of internet but they were afraid related to their future also. Their general, psychological and social needs were observed after the interaction with them.

Next step was to discuss with their mothers. Their mothers also want to look their children at a better place but they are helpless in this regard. According to them, they have tried a lot to change the destiny of their children but they are unable to do so. They have accepted their destiny but they do not want to see their children in this dirt. Some has told that they are ready to pay the school fee but no school is ready to give them admission. They are searching help in this regard.

Then some meetings were organized with the teachers and the principles of some schools. They were having the same problem that is related to the dignity of the school. The principles can give the admission if any common person will be ready to be the guardian and those children will have to seek their own identity with the other students. The teachers suggest approaching any governmental support and any helping agencies to help such kind of students.

Findings

After such discussions, it was realized that it is really a very concern social problem. Those children were having the desire that someone should come ahead to support them, to help them to direct them because it is related to their future also. They are just like the other common children. They are also capable to make their future bright but none is coming to guide them. They are feeling very pressure socially and psychologically. And it is their destiny that there is none with whom they can share their feeling and emotions. The same situation is of their mothers. They are ready to do anything for the future of their children but their eyes are searching any direction and approach. They do not want the same profession for their children. And the so called reputed person of this society, teachers and principals, they are having the suggestions but without support and help. These people are not having any humanitarian approach for such children.

Recommendations

Based on the first-hand experience of this research, the following suggestions are recommended for such children.

1. Various NGOs need to come ahead to sort out the issues and concerns of the disadvantaged children of sex workers, and should provide proper education.
2. Education is an essential tool for these children, especially for those who are not interested in formal education.
3. Safety of the children should be ensured through community support with the help of community volunteers and leaders.
4. Efforts should be made to arrange alternate professions for mothers as a good number of them are unable to continue with the profession after a certain age and/or because of various health problems.
5. There is a need to carry out more research on different categories of disadvantaged children since their life challenges vary.
6. Members of the larger society should come forward and adopt the children of CSWs with a requirement to allow all the children to remain connected to their mothers.

CONCLUSION

Human life is the precious gift of God. Everyone is same according to the law of Almighty. This human life should be for the welfare for others. Everyone should try their level best to support others. If anyone is required support or help, everyone should come ahead to give his

hand. None should be evaluated on the bases on their profession or financial condition. And children, really they are next to God so they should not be treated like this. Everyone should change his outlook and all should pay attention for such children with a humble heart and helping hand.

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