

# BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

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**(Suo Motu Cognizance)**

BHRC takes **Suo Motu** cognizance of news captioned" **Rain or sunshine, these kids are out on daily grind**" published in **Hindustan Times Daily, Patna** edition **today** citing inadequate implementation of the labour laws relating to children selling lemons or working on the streets. According to the news " As per an amendment in child labour laws in 2015 children can work in their family enterprises and on farmlands provided it is done after school hours and during vacations".

2. **Principal Secretary, Labour Resources Deptt., Govt. of Bihar & Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt, Govt. of Bihar will apprise the Commission about the institutionalised mechanism in place to take care of such children and monitoring of Labour Laws on the subject. Commission will be expecting reports by 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2016.**

3. A copy of the news paper clipping along with copy of this order be sent to the Principal Secretary, Labour Resources Deptt., Govt. of Bihar & Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt, Govt. of Bihar for necessary action.

4. List on 05<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2016.

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Date: 05.08.2016

**Asstt Registrar**

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**Member**



Payment for SHAPDCI, consumed by the state, could be downloaded from Google play store. However, for payment

total revenue collection of ₹280 crore while 5.12% of MBPDCL collection of ₹210 crore was online.

different parts of Bihar took off for the Saudi Arabian city of Medina from Gaya International Airport on Thursday.

and police officers of the district, were present at the airport to give warm send-off to pilgrims who will perform Haj rituals at Mecca.

them all necessary information about the air journey. Earlier, the pilgrims arrived here from Haj Bhawan in Patna.

Haj Committee and the district administration. Temporarily medical centres set up at the airport conducted health check-up of pilgrims.

His wish to be a politician showed that the gangster had realised the importance of political clout and wanted to make the most of it.

road contractors in Bihar and businessmen in Nepal. Jha's name also figured in the killing of a former Maoist leader Gauri Shankar Jha in 2011.

# Rain or sunshine, these kids are out on daily grind

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**PATNA:** Just 12 years old, Pinky doesn't go to school. Instead, she sells lemons near the Patna secretariat, where officers entrusted with enforcement of law that prohibit minors from working, have their offices.

She works 365 days a year, oblivious of the blazing sun that singes her soft skin, for anything up to 10 hours a day. In the process, she earns about ₹200, a sum, her father insists is needed for the family to pay for its meals.

Pinky is joined her arduous daily endeavour by her younger sibling, Manju, 10,

The effort is killing their childhood. Ironically, it's their child's innocence that their family counts on for the people to buy lemons from them.

Neither Pinky nor

Manju can write her name. According to a report of Child Rights and You (CRY), 40% of child workers in Bihar cannot write their names. But so long as the money keeps coming in, nobody cares.

Enquiries revealed the two girls work for lemon cart owners for a commission. "I can't afford to send my girls to school", said their father, whose earning as one selling plant stems used for brush-

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ing teeth, are meagre.

Assistant programme officer, Bihar education project council, Namita Bharti, who is preparing a socio-economic profile of children, says there are many kids like Pinky and Manju out on the streets instead of being in school.

According to census 2011, Bihar ranks second in having the maximum number of child workers. India has over 90 lakh child workers out of

which 11% are in Bihar.

The report states that between 2001 and 2011, the number of working girls in five to 14 years of age rose by 240% while in boys it increased by 150%.

The situation in urban India is worse than in rural India. The report states that in 10 years, there has been an overall increase in child workers by 53% in urban areas while the number dropped by 29% in rural

India.

"As per an amendment in child labour laws in 2015, children can work in their family enterprises and on farmlands provided it is done after school hours and during vacations."

This amendment was sought because in large number of families children help their parents in their occupation like agriculture, carpet making et al and also learn the basics of the occupation that will help them in future.

The problem is that the likes of Pinky and Manju are hardly acquiring any skills that can help carve out a future.

## FACTS OF CHILD LABOUR

- According to a campaign against child labour study, India has over 82 lakh child labourers.
- 11% of country's child labourers are in Bihar.
- 40% of the child workers in Bihar cannot write their names. CRY
- Bihar ranks second state in having maximum child workers.
- 6.5 million children in India are in agri and household sectors.
- 37% increase in the category of 5-9 years is last decade.
- One in every 11 children in India is working.



■ Child workers selling lemons near Patna secretariat. HT PHOTO