TELANGANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, HYDERABAD.

PROTECT CHILDREN - BUILD THEIR FUTURE

🌱 CHILDHOOD IS THEIR RIGHT • EDUCATION IS THEIR FUTURE • PROTECTION IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

👧👶 CHILD MARRIAGE - A VIOLATION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Child marriage is a serious social issue that can adversely affect a child's physical, mental, educational and social development.

⚖️ PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE ACT, 2006

The Act seeks to prohibit and prevent child marriages and provides legal consequences for persons involved in promoting, performing or facilitating such marriages.

Who is a Child under the Act?

A male below 21 years of age

A female below 18 years of age

Marriage involving a person below the prescribed age is a child marriage under the law.

🚫 Harmful Effects of Child Marriage

- Disruption or discontinuation of education
- Adverse effects on physical and mental well-being
- Increased economic dependence and family difficulties
- Greater vulnerability to violence, exploitation and abuse
- Reduced opportunities for education, employment and personal development, particularly for girls

🛑 DO NOT REMAIN SILENT

If you become aware that a child marriage is going to take place, inform the appropriate authorities or Legal Services Institutions and help protect the child.

👷👷 CHILD LABOUR - CHILDHOOD IS NOT FOR WORK

Every child has the right to learn, play, grow and enjoy a safe and dignified childhood.

⚖️ CHILD AND ADOLESCENT LABOUR (PROHIBITION AND REGULATION) ACT, 1986

The law provides important protections against child labour.

🚫 Employment of children below 14 years of age is prohibited, subject to the statutory provisions and exceptions under the law.

🚫 Adolescents between 14 and 18 years of age cannot be employed in hazardous occupations and processes.

⚠️ Impact of Child Labour

- Children lose valuable opportunities for education.
- Physical and mental development may be adversely affected.
- They may be exposed to exploitation and unsafe working conditions.
- Child labour can perpetuate the cycle of poverty.
- It can reduce opportunities for decent employment and a better future.

REMEMBER

“CHILDREN NEED BOOKS IN THEIR HANDS - NOT TOOLS FOR WORK.”

📚 EDUCATION - EVERY CHILD'S RIGHT

Education is the foundation of a child's future. It enables children to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence and helps them become independent and responsible citizens.

⚖️ RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT, 2009

Article 21-A of the Constitution of India provides for the right to free and compulsory education for children in the 6-14 years age group.

🎓 WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT?

✅ Develops knowledge, skills and abilities.

✅ Builds confidence and self-reliance.

✅ Helps protect children from child labour and child marriage.

✅ Creates better opportunities for higher education and employment.

✅ Promotes equality and social justice.

✅ Helps children become responsible and empowered citizens.

🛡️ **PROTECTING CHILDREN – OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY**

What Parents Can Do

👨‍👩‍👧 Send children to school regularly.

👨‍👩‍👧 Do not support or facilitate child marriage.

👨‍👩‍👧 Do not employ children in prohibited work.

👨‍👩‍👧 Listen to children's concerns with patience and care.

👨‍👩‍👧 Create awareness among children about their rights and responsibilities.

What Society Can Do

🤝 Do not support or encourage child marriage.

🤝 Do not employ or facilitate prohibited child labour.

🤝 Help every child attend and continue school.

🤝 Report cases of child marriage, child labour, abuse, exploitation or neglect to the appropriate authorities.

🚨 **IF YOU SEE CHILD MARRIAGE OR CHILD LABOUR**

DO NOT REMAIN SILENT – SPEAK UP FOR THE CHILD

For assistance relating to the protection of children, you may **approach:**

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)

Mandal/Taluk Legal Services Committee (TLSC)

Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA)

Child Welfare Committee (CWC)

Appropriate Child Protection Authorities

Eligible persons may also seek free legal services through the Legal Services Institutions.

🌈 **LET US TAKE A PLEDGE**

NO TO CHILD MARRIAGE!

NO TO CHILD LABOUR!

YES TO EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD!

YES TO A SAFE AND DIGNIFIED CHILDHOOD!

"CHILDHOOD IS FOR LEARNING, PLAYING AND GROWING – NOT FOR LABOUR."

"STOP CHILD MARRIAGE – END CHILD LABOUR – SEND EVERY CHILD TO SCHOOL."

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