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# **ORIGINALITY REPORT**

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

1.	BLAA	Bonded Labor Abolition Act, 1992
2.	BLAR	Bonded Labor Abolition Rules, 1995
3.	CRC	Convention on Rights of Child, 1989
4.	CPLA	Children Pledging Labor Act, 1933
5.	DPO	District Police Officer
6.	DSP	District Superintendent Police
7.	ECA	The Employment of Children Act, 1991
8.	ECR	The Employment of Children Rules, 1995
9.	FA	The Factories Act, 1934
10.	FLA	Fair Labor Association
11.	IG	Inspector General
12.	ICA	Intra Court Appeal
13.	IPEC	International Programme on Elimination of Child Labor
14.	ILO	International Labor Organization
15.	MA	The Mines Act, 1923
16.	NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
17.	NIC	National Identity Card
18.	P.S	Police Station
19.	PPCBO	Punjab Prohibition of Child Labor at Brick kilns, 2016
20.	S.H. O	Station House Officer
21.	SPARC	Society for Protection of Rights of Children
22.	UNESCO	United Nations Education, Signs and Cultural Organization
23.	UNICEF	United Nations International Children Emergency Funds
24.	UN	United Nations Organization
25.	WPSEO	West Pakistan Shops and Establishment Ordinance

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## **ABSTRACT**

Child is born free and needs nourishment, health care and compulsory-free education but due to financial constraints and wide spread poverty millions of children across the world are employed in different hazardous and non-hazardous industries.

The purpose of this research project is to discuss the problem of child-labor and to analyze problem in the light of national and international law. The research focuses on the importance of effective labor laws and there swift and smooth application. Child labor is complex problem that has different aspect that are not just legal issues and needs multi-dimensional approach to control this menace and save children. Children being the victims of exploitation in many sectors are forced into labor, while not receiving compulsory education crucial to development, concerns many people.

The focus of this research is to find the gaps and loopholes at national level in the light of international standards and to identify the norms to fill these gaps. The methodology employed in this research is comparative and normative. As domestic laws are compared with International law, and norms are identified to fill gaps in domestic legislation.

The research made recommendations which can be constructive to handle the issue of child labor in Pakistan.

## **THESIS TITLE**

Child Labor in Pakistan: A Comparative Study of National and International Legislation

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

There is a need to focus on the status of child labor in Pakistan and the laws applicable for their protection at national and international level. The determination that whether national laws are compatible with international laws or not and its importance for eradication of child labor in Pakistan.