

The latest reports
submitted by the Govt in
Lok Sabha, gives us a
picture of declining trend
in child labour instances,
(period of 2014-'17) in India.
It is indeed a ~~well~~
right path of our initiatives
in handling this huge issue,
& thus, has to be applauded.
applauded. BUT HAS IT
MET SDG GOAL 8? Time
to have a check.

STILL A MENACE

ILO 2016 data indicates
there 152 million working
children globally b/w 5-17
years, of which around 24
million are in India.
This shows it's still prevalent
in many parts of our country.

WHY NOT A COMPLETE BAN?

The Child Labour Act of
2016 ^{was} amended for the
full ban of child labour, in
any occupation, along with
strict punishments for such
employers violating the provisions.

Then the question is why? Indian Govt's willingness to view this as a serious issue is commendable; Rather than addressing a issue at the tip of it, it's advisable to check the ground realities of the iss it.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

- ① Address the root causes of child labour - poverty, illiteracy, inequalities
- ② Real Time addressal & ensure prosecution of laws till the ground level.
- ③ ~~State~~ Identify the sectors where child labour is heavily practiced & allot (Shadow police) to check this sectors, and with adequate powers to take the employees in custody.
- ④ Education at affordable quality with nutritional additions.
- ⑤ skill training should be encouraged to help them get into formalised workforce.

children, a nation's future, have to be nourished & moulded in such a way that, they could create new identities for our well being. Govt with all stakeholders should play an equal role in ensuring that none of our children's childhood is lost.

Ar 21A & Ar 24 of our constitution has given a base for the protection & the rest can be effectively taken care of with legislations addressing the root causes. Inclusive growth & changing mindsets are entwined, thus adopting an inclusive environment for ~~many~~ people coming from different states is a option policy makers have to work on.

BASIC NEEDS ARE
COMMON IRRESPECTIVE
OF SOCIAL ECONOMIC

DIFFERENCES - addressing this is the key for poverty, illiteracy & food insecurity.

and such a realization
is indeed the 1st step
to frame policies to
ban child labour
gradually.
