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Corporal punishment on children and Indian law

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Corporal punishments kill thousands of children each year and a direct cause of short and long term physical, mental impairment and barrier in cognitive & moral development of the child. Higher degree of violence commonly refers as child abuse which is in-fact a corporal punishment, adults use violent and humiliating methods to control child's behaviour. Corporal punishments violate the rights of the child to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health. Violence against children includes all form of neglect and indeed failure to realize child's potential is a greatest violence. Globally, about 500 million children experience violence every year. According to a study on child abuse undertaken by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India in 2007; 69% children were physically abused, of these 54.68% were boys, incidence of having been abused in their family environment were reported by 52.91% of boys and 47.09% of girls, 65% of school going children reported facing corporal punishment, 53.2% children reported having faced one or more forms of sexual abuse. Every second child reported facing emotional abuse. In Juvenile Justice Institutions, 70.21% of children in conflict with the law and 52.86% of children in need of care and protection. The Global initiatives to end all corporal punishment were launched in year 2001 with the use of human rights consensus against corporal punishment. 120 countries, including India, have banned corporal punishment in schools.

Biography

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