

The Child of Bangladesh

(Indigenous Children)

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The child is the symbol of all hopes and aspirations of world and future steersmen. To make them as perfect, we should gift them a beautiful world. Proper planned foster arrangement of child and sound environment are essential to make them as perfect man.

Bangladesh is one of the most poor countries in the world. The time when a child might be grown-up with affection of parents, they have to go to school, in that time, maximum child of our country go out to arrange their food. They are neglected from their right of enjoyment. They face stern reality. Yet we expect a bright future of child. In the deep dark night, we seek the index of light and we want to establish the rights of child.

Beyond caste, language, Religion, Nation and Social-economic, the fundamental rights of child had been established by UN. It is an international child-regulation. This regulation refers the right of survival of a child is a by born right and his fundamental rights are education right, treatment right, dwelling place right, affection-love right amusement right and enjoyment right.

There are total 54 countries consist with 'Fundamental rights of child' in the UN. regulations. In this UN regulation, at first 22 countries are included and Bangladesh is one of the countries which is included with 22 countries. I can say-inclusion of Bangladesh in the UN child regulation is nothing but a formality.

In the child regulation of UN, they explained that how to save child and how to amuse them by all advantages. Bangladesh has finished her responsibilities being merely a signatory one of UN Child regulation. Only signatory is enough for Bangladesh, without any activities.

To arrange meeting and assembly and to make speech nicely cannot bring good result and foster to child, we need performance. To establish child right in this country we need unity and national attempt and long term planned and perfect step of government. The children of Bangladesh are too neglected that there is no portfolio and planning of Government for them.

We know, the smile of child can bring angel of paradise and it can make cruel polite.

In Oct'1953, at first 'The International child day' had maintained by UNICEF and International Child welfare Union is observed aiming at realization of child rights and creation of mass consciousness to preserve it.

The position to Bangladesh is below poverty line and it is one of the most vast populous country in the world and the large number of its population is child. There are 90% child are distressed. These illiterate, distressed human child want food, cloth, shelter, security and to live as human being.

Following are few suggestions to establish right of child.

1. Bangladesh is mainly the country of various religions. Of the population 90% are Muslims and 70% population are uneducated. These uneducated people are blindly believed in religion. The Muslim people believe if they can marry a lot and possess many sons, they can obtain God (Allah) bless. As such, in a single family they are having at least 7/8 sons. Its reasons are mainly two kinds :
 - (i) Many sons can call Allah and they think, it will bring more God bless and easily they can obtain paradise.
 - (ii) Uneducated people think more sons can earn more and the burden of family will be solved.

Above these reasons are the main sources of vast population in Bangladesh. They can not understand that these children are suffering from lack of feeding, are tortured being, neglected by uneducated parents. As a result, half of those child victims of premature death. Reaming child becoming man problems, not manpower.

I like to say the government should take care perfectly above these matter.

2. Basically girl child are mostly neglected in Bangladesh. By born, they are guilty and sinner in the family and society.

In father leadership society, they have no right. Generally they cannot participate in any program of family, society and religion. If they commit any mistake knowingly or unknowingly, it is taken as a great offence in the society.

To solve the problem of 'Lack of food' maximum girl child are working in Garments factory here. Although under age child are not permitted to work, they conceal their original age and seek their employment. According to their exertion, they are deprived of proper salary.

Some of them are working as maidservant and they are being tortured by family holder and 20% of the girl child face sexual abuse and arrangement and rape.

In the village area, within 12-15 years old girl child are forced to marry by society, caste and parents. In this age, they suffer both physical and mental torture. Each and every day these types of news are published in Bangladesh daily newspaper.

I feel proud to say that the prime minister and opposition leader both are women in the Bangladesh. But they have no perfect attempt in such situations. Sometimes they arrange program as formalities. Since I think the government should set-up 'Portfolio', and long term plan and step, specific for woman.

3. The rest child also cannot go to school, because they go out in quest of food and they work in various industries. Although their family have desire to send them in school. Here it should be noted that some of the child are used to bad activities, as a result they have to face jail. So I think government should pay important role for these situations.
4. The Bangladesh Government has taken some good steps:
 - (i) Preference in case of education for girl child.
 - (ii) Compulsory primary education for all child.

But it is a matter of sorrow that these steps are not perfectly executed, because the employees of government neglect their duties, 'The Justices of law' are only published in book not to perform in our country.

Here prevails 'Might is right' so, how can we prosper in our life? No one can claim it, because Political parties are very strong here.

According to government source, 2 lac 5 thousand child are trafficked every year. I like to say-government should take immediate steps to check it.

5. Indeed there are lack in fundamental education in Bangladesh. So our main aim is education. If most of the people will be educated in our country there not be rise of 'rate of birth population'. It must be decreased. Then we can understand what is value of Child.
6. Another important thing is Discrimination education manner in the Bangladesh. It will bring disaster in this country. This discrimination mainly to be perceived within rich and poor people where rich family, sons go for English medium private business school, college and on the other hand poor family's child go for Bengali medium, government and

half government schools, college. As a result we can find a great difference between rich family and poor family students. These discrimination might affect on employment and business organization. Not at all, even there are education discrimination between majority and minority population.

I hope Child council of UN will take care about these discrimination.

7. One third of the child are disable in our country, because, lack of food. They are burden to society, education, sport, own self and to country.

Government should take part to foster them.

‘A Child of today is the father of future.’ This right proverb we should perceive each and every moment. A father may cherish a lot of aspirations from a son, similarly a country can. But we are failure to fulfill this commitment.

We know a mother plays a very important role in her life in case of rearing child. A mother knows what difficulties she has to adopt to rear her child. I think government should render good serviced to all mothers.

‘Rise of birth rate’ another important role in this country. Day by day population are increasing, it is no headache for us. But not increasing land, property and food. As a result our country is facing various problems like kidnapping, hijacking, dacoiting, rape and killing, because- we have lack of food. Not at all, child is a excellent political issue in our country (Bangladesh).

Political parties of Bangladesh arranging some child cultural programs and they are infusing children in their programs and day by day they persist in political parties. Even each and every school, college are important role of political parties, because from childhood they are students to politics, later in school, college all students play great game to politics for any persuading situation. What about their knowledge and education, more than they can say about politics. This is my Bangladesh.

Above all, I like to say the right of all child we should maintain equally and perfectly and all voluntary organization, most welcome, if they are interested. Following is the reference of poem 'Passport' of poet Sukanta Bhattachaija:

'A Child is just born
Vacate a room for him
We have to leave shabby earth
in despair, death
and heaps of destruction.
Must I Pass away
Yet as long as I have soul
I will remove all the rubbish
I will make the earth habitable
for the new comers.
this firm commitment I make for them.
Finally finishing all my works
I will bless the new child
sacrificing the blood flowing in me
and then make a history.'

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