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No. NCHR/P/72-Child-Labour/2018 138  
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
23-D/1, FCC, SYED MURATIB ALI ROAD, GULBERG-IV LAHORE  
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Dated: 21/08/2022

Major (Retd.) Azam Suleman Khan,  
The Honorable Ombudsman,  
Punjab.

Subject: **REFERENCE AGAINST CHILD LABOUR IN PUNJAB.**

The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been set up under the NCHR Act, 2012 for promotion and protection of Human Rights as provided in the Constitution as well as various International Treaties to which Pakistan is a signatory.

2. Under Section 9 of the Act, NCHR has been empowered to recommend to the Federal and Provincial Governments, inter alia, adoption of legislative and administrative measures for effective implementation of human rights. The Commission is also empowered to become a party in any proceedings before a judicial or a quasi-judicial forum where human rights are involved.

3. As per the Punjab Child Labour Survey Report (2019-20) released by the Labour & Human Resource Department, Government of the Punjab recently in collaboration with UNICEF; 3.83 million children under the age of 14 years and 6.67 million children under the age of 17 years are in child labour in Punjab. Alarming, 47.8 % of these children are employed in hazardous work and 16 % of them as per sample data have been subjected to psychological, physical and sexual abuse which was a serious violation of the human rights. There has been a surge of violence against children especially in domestic labour and apparently the relevant authorities lack the focus and will to put on end to this menace.