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Topic :- Status of child labour in India & its causes

A/c 2011 census of India

India has more than 10 million children working as child labourer in industrial and family set-ups. These children are susceptible to physical and mental abuse at workplace along with working in hazardous factory setups at minimum or no wages. UP and Bihar accounts for the largest number of child workers with 30.8% of the child population in the country and account for 32.2% of child workers.

### Causes of child labour

- 1) Poverty and unemployment levels are high.
- 2) Access to compulsory, free education is limited
- 3) Existing laws or codes of conduct are

often violated.

- 4) laws and enforcement are often inadequate.
- 5) National laws often include exemptions
- 6) worker's rights are repressed
- 7) The global economy intensifies the effects of some factors.

### effects of child labour

child labour has a direct impact on the economic development of the country. At the micro level, child labour might increase the household income in the short run. However, in the long run it might perpetuate household poverty as children sent to work do not acquire sufficient human capital education skills etc.