



A Sociological Study on the Causal Factors Affecting the Growth of Juvenile Delinquency in the Plantation

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Abstract

If a crime is committed in a society, the punishment must be applied. In the plantations where tea cultivation is the primary source of livelihood, juvenile delinquency is only one segment of the crime wave. Anyone under the age of 18 is considered a child under the common legal definition, so it is an offense to sexually abuse or harm them in any way. Therefore, any type of sexual activity against a child under the age of 18 is called a juvenile crime. The main objective of the research was to study the reasons for the increase in juvenile crime in plantations. Also, in the study of the causal factors affecting the increase in juvenile crime in the plantation, the research was launched by taking the research field of Damodara estate in Badulla district of Uva province and participatory observation and case study methods were used as research methods to collect data and information. In order to obtain data and information, questionnaires and interviews were used to obtain primary data. Crime reports, books, papers and newspaper descriptions were used for obtaining secondary data. Also, as a result of the research, the reason for the increase in juvenile delinquency in plantations is the low level of education of the parents, even if there is juvenile delinquency, they do not understand the measures to be taken for it. And due to the fact that children walk long distances through forest paths for school, there are many cases of victims of abusers on the way. When identifying the children's mind turning to sex, it can be seen that after the parents go to work, the children are isolated at home and there is no one to protect them, living in lime rooms is not a moral family environment. Therefore, children willingly submit to the influence of abusers to get sexual satisfaction at a young age. And also, Children themselves have had sex with friends around the house because of the bad image they get from their parents. Although there is a legal framework for juvenile crimes in the ever-increasing criminal framework, it is possible to identify how such crimes in the estate culture are suppressed by the culture of the estate culture.

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