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## Role of the State Mechanism in Protecting Children's' Rights in Sri Lanka (Special Reference to the Territory of Piliyandala Police)

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**Introduction:** Sri Lanka has also given priority to the subject of children's rights as in almost all countries in the world. Having based the performances, the state mechanism has been established to protect the children's rights. But the poser is the development of challenges against the protection of the children day by day and the breach of children's rights in Sri Lanka as well.

**Materials and Methods:** The data for the study has been collected from both primary and secondary resources and the relevant monographs and form the field of human rights texts. The research made use of case study and survey findings. In the case of an in-depth studied territory, the Piliyandala police area was identified. Questionnaires were distributed to identified government agencies and non-government organizations in order to collect information on existing laws for the protection of children's rights, the implementation of these laws and the problems accompanying such implementation. Interviews were also conducted to supplement the questionnaires.

**Results:** The matters such as not being practical, although there are procedures legally and constitutionally towards the protection of children's rights in Sri Lanka. Poverty is a strongly influential fact for the violation the children's rights. Nearly a quarter of the Sri Lankan population lives below the poverty line. This economic situation is the invariable result of decades of armed conflict. The war has taken a heavy

toll on the finances of families who have found themselves without shelter or food.

**Discussion:** The children of Sri Lanka have faced conditions of danger and breach of entitlements. This situation is improving gradually, but life remains difficult for certain households. Children are the most vulnerable and have seen many of their rights impeded by poor economic circumstances. The tourist industry and the social, political atmosphere which originated after the war in Sri Lanka can be indicated in this study.

**Conclusion:** The teenagers of Sri Lanka have faced the situations of insecurity and break of privileges. An influential factor mainly for this situation can be pointed out as the existing weaknesses in the performance of the state mechanism. According to that, children's rights should be strengthened and activated to matching the present situation. Suggestions, such as acknowledging the guardians and parents of children through the state mechanism, allowing the children to use modern technology subject to limitations, establishment of any other mechanism for supervising the affairs and performances in the institutions should be incorporated towards the protection of children's rights, can be indicated.

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2 Child Soldiers	2 Menial	2 Drug trafficking	2 Use of Drugs
3 Disabled Children	3 Labor exploitation	3 Prostitution	3 Use of Internet
4 Entering into camp	4 Drug trafficking		4 Loss of Freedom
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