

Topic: Beggar's Mafia

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Abstract:

The worst issue which Pakistan is facing today is 'Street Begging'. The Nation is suffering from the crucial situations of Poverty which has forced hundreds of people to commit suicide, forced women to sellout their Children and forced young's to leave their Homes and start begging. According to latest survey 74% of our people living under poverty line earning less than 4000/Rs per month which is very difficult for a person to live in so little amount, even one cannot imagine to survive. But a Street Beggar is earning more than a Person doing hard slog.

Street begging disturbs Public life because usually this beggar on the Roads, Streets & Bazaar's chasing people for petite amount. To gain more attention and sympathizes they generally irritate public with their disgraceful mannerism. They emotionally black mail the genders by telling their gloomy stories & by showing their disabilities.

Begging is supposed to be an easy source of earning Money. This is the reason that most of the physically fit young persons are usually seen begging on the Streets. This profession now has become an Industry (Mafia) where young men, Women & Children are mostly trained, recruit and relocated. These Beggars and specifically Children come from the Cities of Kohat, Rahim Yaar Khan, Multan, & Rawalpindi.

According to a survey Beggar Children earn 200 or 250 rupees per day and handover entire money to the Mafia (Which works for this profession) and that Mafia keep a big chunk of earning and leave minimum amount with to these Children to take home. This Mafia is taking more benefits of the Street Begging.

Hijra begging:

A new trend of Begging seems to be more immense in Pakistan that is 'Hijra' Begging. They have various techniques to impress Pedestrians by touching their Shoulders Clapping with their typical style and chasing till give them money.

Beggars in Pakistan use cell phones to beg :

Beggars in Pakistan are reportedly using mobile phones to acquire hefty alms in the name of religion.

As a matter of routine, they reportedly send messages asking for a credit of Rs 10-100, offering in return a place in paradise.

Muhammad Usman, a businessman, said that he received almost 10 messages a

day from a beggar.

One message reads, "I am a poor man and my daughter is admitted to hospital. If you have faith in one God, please send me a credit of at least Rs 10. God may reward you and take you out of all troubles," the Daily Times quoted Usman, as saying.

Another mobile user said money should not be given to unknown senders of messages, as this was no way to beg. These message senders exploited the people's faith and mobile users should be aware of the situation.

"Customers often complain of unknown messages calling for money. The beggars misused credit sharing facility on mobile phones," said Muhammad Rajid, a PCO owner.

Drug users:

They not only use drugs like Bond, cocaine, coke, marijuana etc but they are the biggest group of buyers of these drugs. Selling lungs and kidney for money is also part of their lives. For this, they can easily find doctors who would even take life for money and are present in anonymous hospitals and clinics. Begging from house to house and giving information about the residents and structure to professional dacoits also goes in their line of work. They are more mysteries in the life of a beggar than one can assume. Government should take bold and serious steps. Not only to control them but to eradicate their communities and mafias from our society.

Conclusion:

Begging is a profession which boosted up many criminal tendencies in our society like Drug abuse, Narcotics selling, Robbery, Prostitution, Sexual abuse and Coercion.

In all, Beggars are such functionless people who do not have passion to do something positive in their lives. Some Beggars may really be needy, but their number is less. Now, our Government and we the masses have a responsibility to take appropriate measures to eliminate this curse from our Society. The Government should introduce some schemes and trainings through which they can earn their future living. There should be strict Laws to restrict Beggary and Police should have powers to punish those who are responsible for bringing them on Streets. 'Zakat' funds should be utilized on deserving persons. Job opportunities should be provided to the eligible persons according to their Skills and aptitude. If any professional Beggar, refused to do so than such soulless characters should be severely punished.

