

# Men Too Put Their Bodies for Sale

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## ABSTRACT:

The author will bring to light the practice of prostitution in India in the course of this research paper. Prostitution is considered as profession and it is partially legal in India as there are a few legislations which regulate it to some extent but not have fully control over it. Whoring is considered as a stereotype business for females but nowadays men are also getting trapped into this ridiculous situation about which the world is not as aware as it is required to be. So this can be said that it is illegal or illicit in the Indian society. Further the author will present the reasons as to why this profession is increasing swiftly and the reasons leading its escalation. Due to the corroboration of the activities of whoring in some territories the practice of human trafficking has increased more rapidly including the students and which is also raising the problem to HIV. The paper will also suggest the required rules and regulations to be made by the legislation in India regarding prostitution and moreover for the male prostitution.

Keywords: Male Prostitution, Gay Prostitution, Human Trafficking, HIV AIDS, Brothels, etc.

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## I. HISTORY

Male Prostitution represents the sexual work performed by the males for some monetary benefit. Female Prostitutes have male clients only but they have clients of both the sexes, i.e., female and male. In other words we can say that male prostitutes can even become gay for pay. They are also known as gigolo, manwhore, Rentboy, callboy, hustler etc. They are present in the society since very long time and the evidence for this were, as early as possible, of 17<sup>th</sup> century. There traces can be found out in the Graeco- Roman culture's New Testament, Hebrew Bible of Pagan culture of Roman Empire and also in Medieval Islamic world. In ancient Greece slaves were considered as prostitutes or sex workers and male brothels had their existence both in Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. The practice of prostitution in the Ancient society was rampant in sacred shrines also and was known as Sacred Prostitution. Sacred Prostitution is the sexual service given by male or female sex workers for some sacred purpose or in the milieu of religious worship. They have different names in different areas like in Edo period of Japan they were known as Kagema, in Central Asia and Afghanistan they are known as Baccha, in India they are known as Hijra and in Caribbean they are known as Sanky-Panky<sup>1</sup>.

## II. PRESENT- DAY PEDERASTY

Pederasty is in practice in many countries around the world. It is projected that around 15- 20 percent of men have paid for sexual services at least once in their lifetime in United States. In Gay Prostitution variety of sexual services are provided by the sex workers to their clients depending on the wants and desires of the clients. The prices for the services also increase according to the amenities provided by the Male Prostitute to his client. The services can be like masturbation, oral sex or anal intercourse with straight clients or bisexual

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Male\\_prostitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Male_prostitution)

clients. People search for such services because of sexual gratification or emotional concerns like issues concerned with sexual orientation, their own age and attractiveness, increase in desire of making sexual relations. Some prostitutes are totally dependent on the sex for their earnings but some performs other activities such as pornographic actor or model, massage therapist, erotic dancers or performing in sex shows etc. some prostitutes are also involved in other activities not related to sex industry. There are two types of escorts: independent and agency based. Independent escorts do not work for any agency but agency based escorts as the name suggests work for agencies. The sex workers can be found on many places like street, internet, bars, clubs, print advertisements, bathhouses, male brothels etc. The number of street hustlers is decreasing because of internet based resources but the need for cash by the destitute and meager men guarantees the availability of street workers. The online prostitution is at rise over the last 5 years as it is easy for prostitutes to advertise themselves there independently or through any agency and the clients can also contact them easily on the websites listing the escorts. Major cities of United States have weekly newspaper or magazines related gay which contains their advertisements<sup>2</sup>.

### III. RAISON D'ÊTRE FOR ENTERING INTO THIS BUSINESS

Generally the reasons for entering into this business are unemployment and need for money. Also it is easy to enter into this business because no skills and qualifications are required in it and it is a lucrative job as the demand for sex hustlers is high. According to a survey some sex workers earn Rs.80 per day whereas some earn Rs. 1700 per day as their income. The other reasons due to which people do these activities are poverty, low financial conditions, family problems and other reasons. The need for sex workers is increasing day by day which is also increasing the workers to enter into the business of prostitution. But the gay prostitution is facing criticism by the society due to the difference in the age, financial status and social status of the prostitute and the clients and also the gays are not completely accepted by the society as they are considered as a taboo in the society. The people are also being kidnapped or abducted by the Human Traffickers and later on they are forced to enter into the business of Prostitution as the traffickers will get more money from this business. Human trafficking is done either for forced labor or for commercial sex exploitation. In 2011 a report of Department of Justice said that more than 2500 trafficking cases from 2008 to 2010 were reported in which 82% were concerned with sex exploitation and nearly half of those victims were below the age of 18years<sup>3</sup>. The human trafficking inflow is more in the countries with high income level persons and where prostitution is legalised by their governments. Human Trafficking is increased with the legalization of prostitution and decreased with the criminalization of prostitution in the countries.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.thefullwiki.org/Male\\_prostitution](http://www.thefullwiki.org/Male_prostitution)

<sup>3</sup> <https://orgs.law.harvard.edu/lids/2014/06/12/does-legalized-prostitution-increase-human-trafficking>

#### IV. JEOPARDY OF PEDERASTY

There are many risks and problems that male hustler and his clients can face like social criticism, health related risks, legal risks, physical abuse, financial risks, rejection by friends and family and risks of mental and emotional effects. The main problem is of Sexually Transmitted Diseases during the sexual activities among the sex workers and clients. These diseases are getting transmitted to one another more rapidly as people are getting indulge in the sexual activities, which is very harmful for everyone involved in these activities. The safe sexual activities are necessary for those who approach to the prostitutes as anyone can suffer from such diseases if they are not doing protected sex with someone who is infected from Sexually Transmitted Diseases. But in today's world the sex workers are becoming intelligent and they have knowledge about HIV/ AIDS which motivate them to practice safer sex. The escorts are using barriers like condoms to have protected sex which can reduce the intimacy between the prostitute and the client and it also distinguish the sex for love from sex for work.

#### V. LEGAL OR ILLEGAL IN THE WORLD

When it comes to legality of Prostitution in the world then there are different facets. In some nations prostitution has been made legal and in some nations it is still an illegal practice. In countries like Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Australia, Austria, Brazil, France, Ecuador, Colombia, Denmark, Canada, Belgium, Bangladesh and New Zealand<sup>4</sup> prostitution has been made legal in their laws by their law makers and even in some of these countries the government is running state brothels to help the sex workers to do their business of whoring easily. Though there is still a problem of smuggling or trafficking of minors, forced prostitution in these nations and male prostitution is still not legalized in some of the countries. The Government of these countries are providing many benefits to the sex workers like the activity of whoring is considered as an actual job, they are getting equal rights same as that of other normal citizen of that country, get health insurance, social benefits such as pensions, etc. And because of this legalization optimistic health safeguards has also been provided to both the prostitute and the client by the governments of the countries where the act of prostitution has been made legal. On the other hand, in nations like Algeria, Morocco, Nigeria, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Uzbekistan, Uganda, Norway, Russia, Luxemburg, Thailand, Maldives, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Syria, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Macau, Georgia, Sweden, Ukraine, Poland, Portugal, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom, Jamaica, United States, China, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Palau, Chile, Cuba<sup>5</sup>, etc. prostitution has been declared illegal or procuring to be illegal by their governments. The punishment for this offence varies from country to country, in some countries it is a serious offence for which the punishment is death penalty, in some nations it is imprisonment and in some territory it is not much

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.scoopwhoop.com/inothernews/countries-with-legal-prostitution>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.stopprostitution.org/prostitution-illegal>

severe offence so there the punishment for this offence is only fine. Despite of making prostitution an illegal activity, in some provinces the punishment for this offence is not yet defined by the legislators in the laws. In Country like United States prostitution is ban in all the states except Nevada but there are not federal laws and some rural countries still license brothels. However in the countries like Australia, Canada, France and Norway prostitution is not totally legal and in countries like Sweden, United Kingdom, United States and Japan<sup>6</sup> it is not totally illegal, whoring is limitedly legal in these countries which means prostitution in itself if legal but other activities related to it like brothels and pimping are illegal or legal in some states and illegal in other states of same country. There are both pros and cons of legalizing and not legalizing the prostitution. Due to legalization, the sex workers are gaining equal status as that of every citizen, going for regular checkups and other than this the human trafficking has increased in the countries where these activities are legal which is a matter of concern for the governments of those countries which are having these problems. On the other hand due to criminalizing the activity of whoring is increasing the problem of sexually transmitted diseases as prostitution is still in practice illegally but in spite of this now there is fear in the society as whoring is a crime or it is an offence in the laws. So, this practice of prostitution is reduced in the countries where it has been made illegal by the governments in their laws.

## VI. PROSTITUTION IN INDIA

Now here comes the situation of India regarding the activity of whoring. It is known to every citizen of India that India has a very long history of kings and their kingdoms and in those kingdoms there were prostitutes also. So, the traces for prostitution can be found deep in the history of India and it is still prevalent in this country. In ancient India prostitutes were the dancers and considered as entertainers who comes from a low caste of the society. It is not a new concept in our country it had been in the country from last many centuries. Sex is considered as a taboo in the Indian society and one cannot discuss about it publically. In India, the places where these activities are carried out are known as Red Light Areas. Subsequently homosexuality is also a taboo in India it is considered as an act against the nature whereas there are historical evidences that homosexuality is present from ages in this country and Rig Veda, the sacred text of Hindus, also gave the evidences of unnatural sex. So, it can be said that Indians have accepted the presence of third gender in the society. However, homosexuality is legal unless the 3 conditions are being fulfilled: first, the sexual act has been done between adults, i.e., persons are above 18 years; second, it has been done with the consensus of both the parties and third, it must be done in a private place<sup>7</sup>. Pederasty is prevalent in the Indian society from a long period. In this country also the high income or middle income group women approach to these prostitutes to fulfill their needs

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<sup>6</sup> <https://prostitution.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=000772>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.mapsofindia.com/my-india/society/homosexual-prostitutionlegality-and-reality>

but after the decriminalization of the Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, which talks about homosexuality, as a result gay prostitution is increased as it is now legal. According to a report of PLUS, an organization for the welfare of gay, more than 1000 gay sex workers are working in Kolkata and this number is increased in last two years from 150 workers. Brothels are there in almost all the urban and rural areas in which red light areas are found in the urban areas and road side brothels are found in rural areas. There are 2 million prostitutes, 10 million commercial sex workers and 2, 75,000 brothels in India where the practice of whoring is carried on. Kolkata is the largest market for sex workers with 11 red light areas and 362 brothels in these areas. There are more than 20000 prostitutes working in this city and around 40000 customers visit these places every day<sup>8</sup>.

## VII. PEDERASTY IN INDIA

Males are called for dance and entertainment, same as that of female prostitute, as the poor families cannot afford the expensive females for some functions or weddings. The number of male sex workers is increasing in the metropolitan areas as there demand is also increasing day by day. The college students are also entering into the business of prostitution to curb the financial problems and for extra pocket money. Air Hostesses, housewives and college students hire the male prostitutes to satisfy their sexual needs. A report says that around 20 crore sex workers are suffering from sexual diseases and from them 3-4 crores are only from India. Prostitution is not criminalized in India but there are laws framed to govern the activity of whoring in India. There are legislation that govern prostitution is Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1986. The acts criminalized under the aforesaid act are: solicitation of client, activity of whoring anywhere near a public place, publication of contact numbers of prostitutes, organizes form of whoring, a prostitute under the age of 18 years and procurement or trafficking of women. Therefore it can be said if the sex worker if working for herself and in a private place then it is a legal act. If a person is found having sexual intercourse with a 18 year old or less sex worker he will be punished for an imprisonment of 7- 10 years. But male prostitution is still not recognized by the legislators in the laws of India. In India also there are forced sex workers but besides this there are some workers who have entered into this business on their own without any force. The sex workers advertise themselves in newspapers, movies and social media to earn money which is increasing their counting from day to day.

## VIII. CHILD PROSTITUTION IN INDIA

India is has the largest number of child prostitutes than any other country in the world and their number is half a billion among all the prostitutes in the country. Most of them are of teen age. It is obvious that no child enters into this business on his / her own, some are runaways or abused and some are sold by their families, abducted

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<sup>8</sup> [http://factsanddetails.com/india/People\\_and\\_Life/sub7\\_3h/entry-4190.html](http://factsanddetails.com/india/People_and_Life/sub7_3h/entry-4190.html)

or forced. Sex Tourism is a major problem of India. 5000 – 7000 girls are trafficked to India from Nepal to make them prostitutes. Children are also brought from Bangladesh to India and teen boys work at beaches of Goa, Kovalam, Puri, Pondicherry etc. Abducted children are also provided to the foreign clients but the offenders in India are local and not foreigners. It is believed by the local men that having sex with a man will make them more potent or reduce the chances of suffering from Sexually Transmitted Diseases. So, children are also being trafficked to make them enter into the business of prostitution by giving them gluttony of money.

## IX. CONCLUSION

Therefore in the end we can say that the act of whoring has roots deep inside and it is increasing day by day especially male prostitution. Either prostitution must be legalized or else strong steps should be taken to stop this practice because loop holes in the legal system are helping the people to amplify this practice, the one who are already engaged into it and also involving new people to it. It is also enhancing the problem of HIV/ AIDS among the prostitutes which can also affect their clients and they have no idea that to which extent they have to suffer because of that disease. Human trafficking is also getting increased which is restraining those trafficked children from their basic rights like Right to Education, Right to Freedom, Right against Exploitation etc. Once a person becomes the prostitute they are expelled from their families and society, they are not given equal rights as that of other citizens, they can never join mainstream and live with dignity. There are no rules and regulation to cure the problem of child trafficking. All these problems can be curb out by legalizing the prostitution both male and female in India. Proper laws should be made in which the provisions can be like this such as compulsory registration of brothels, mandatory license for the brothels, sex workers can make trade unions, regular checkups mandatory for those workers who are indulged in the activities of prostitution, the money they earn should be made taxable by the law makers, etc. Legalizing prostitution can bring the countrymen in a better condition as it will reduce the fear, related to prostitution, from everyone. It will also reduce the problem of Sexually Transmitted Diseases among the sex workers because after legalization of whoring the workers will start going for checkups openly to the doctors for this problem. Licensing prostitution will give all the basic rights like Right to Education, Right to Equality, Right to Freedom, Right against Exploitation etc., which are conferred by every citizens, to the prostitutes and this will help them to live there life with dignity in the society. The society will also treat them equally in every sphere of life. This will make the people more secure to live in their country as now the laws are stronger. And with legalizing it the laws for human trafficking should also be made stringent and must be implemented properly in the country so that the problem of human trafficking for prostitution can be curtailed. Appropriate rules should be made for the persons who are made or wants to enter into the profession of prostitution. There must be a strict punishment for those who do acts like human trafficking for immoral reasons. The government should also generate employment opportunities for the

unemployed persons so that this will trim down the entry of people into the business of whoring and employment generation will improve the financial condition of their families. Therefore, prostitution must be made legal to curb all these problems and give equal rights to the workers who are already involved in the activities of prostitution.