

SOCIAL STATUS OF WOMEN, THEIR PROBLEMS AND NECESSITY OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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Introduction: -

Women is a very important part of every human Society. When it comes about Indian Society, women are part of patriarchal Society. So they should face the patriarchal mind-set. They have to suffer from male dominating rules and restrictions in families and societies.

In the sociological context, there are two types of status, one is ascribed status and another is achieved status. Ascribed status is a status, which is achieved by birth, there is no individual contribution in it and Achieved status is a status which is achieved by human ability but when it comes about women though women are getting opportunities to raise their achieved status in various fields, they have to face very inferior status in every relationship in their life. For ex- Though she is an Independent working woman, in family life as a wife, daughter in law she has to accept inferior status in family life.

Objective: -

- I. To give an account on the Social status of women in Indian Society.
- II. This paper also aims to think sociologically; about problems of women in Indian Society.
- III. Main objective of this research paper is to underline necessity of women empowerment in Indian society.

Research Methodology: -

This research paper is purely based on secondary data Collection.

Social Status of women in Indian Society: -

In India we can observe, very patriarchal Social Structure, which affects whole life of human life. Male domination can be easily found in each and every sector of human life. Superiority of men is considered in each and every thing. These things affect whole life of women, women are by always considered inferior than men, and they are treated like that, In Families, women are considered very inferior as compare to men, it is expected, that women should treat men as they are superior in the

families. This type of traditional tendency demotivates women to do something in their life.

This type of tendency, discourage female to achieve something in life. It affects their self-respect, their dignity, their confidence.

So we can easily found that women have very inferior social status in Indian Society.

Because of the inferior status of women, they have to face lot of problems in their life; they have to suffer from various problems. These problems affect whole life of women.

Problems of women in Indian society: -

Because of the Patriarchal Social Structure and male dominating mind set, women have to struggle a lot and face various problems in life.

These problems are as follows: -

1. Domestic violence: -

Violence against women is very serious and harmful social problem in Indian society. Many times because of some reasons, women get very harmful and violent treatment from their family members.

This type of behaviour is very insulting and dangerous for women. Many times women get seriously injured by this type of domestic violence. It hurts them physically, mentally, it affects their social status, their self-respect, their emotions.

2. Dependency on others for everything: -

This thing many times, we found very normal and common in society that women are dependent on families for each and everything. But this dependency many times affects women's self-respect, her power of decision making, her ability to live dignified life. So If she has to be dependent on the others, for her needs, then she has to follow them blindly in everything, Every time she must give priority to those people, that's why she has to sacrifice her own life, If those people are very nice with her, then it is fine But unfortunately due to this dependency women has to suffer a lot.

3. Lower status in Society: -

This problem affects whole life of women forever, because many time they feel that, many time people are not giving them respectful treatment. behaviour of other people, which can hurt their self-respect,

they have to tolerate such things, because overall tendency of people living in the society, is not very respectful for women so lower status in society is a kind of problem for women.

4. Economic Problems: -

Economical problems affect very badly. these are really very harmful for human being. But when it comes to women, this problem becomes more serious. It affects their day today life for ex- If any family is facing economical problem, they give more importance to the son in the family and his requirements, his education etc.

And in such families, girls are many time get some restrictions about their needs, education, because of economic problems in the family.

5. Social Situations: -

According to the C.H.Cooley, we have a big impact of primary group on our life. Primary group involves family, friends and neighbours. But many times, primary group which is really close for everyone does not support woman to live their life with self-respect because of social situations, in the Society.

There are some restrictions, some social norms are for women, which are really not constructive for women, In such situation, families also don't motivate women for anything for ex-

In rural area, some people really do not appreciate working women, so such tendency affects women's growth.

6. Family Problems: -

Family is very important social institution. Family has very big influence on human life. Socialization is a process, which creates personality of human beings. Family is most important agency of socialization, but, we can easily observe that in family women have to suffer a lot. They have to face a lot in family life. , she has to look after all the expectation of family members. Family members expect very traditional behaviour from them. If women are not happy with those expectations if expectations are becoming burden on them, even then also they must do such things. If they are not ready for such adjustments and sacrifices then they have to face many problems in family life.

In families, many times women have to face gender discrimination. Women are considered inferior than men. so in every situation in family women are expected, that they must adjust and men must take charge of situation.so in family life women get discouragement to live their life in their own way.

7. Less importance in decision making:-

Decision making process is very important factor in human life. Life is all about choices, you have made and your choices come into reality by your

decisions. So every person must have right to take his decisions but when it comes about women, they really have no voice in the process of decision making.

Many times men in the family don't consider Women's opinions or their choices. While major or important decisions are taken by them. many times such one sided decisions affect women's growth, their happiness even their dignity but no one supports them.

Necessity of women empowerment: -

We have given a sociological account on social status of women and their problems, but when we objectively or scientifically think about the problems of women in society and search for solution, we can observe that women empowerment can be helpful to solve such problems, so women empowerment is very necessary. So necessity of women empowerment is as follows-

1. Women's education and empowerment: -

According to swami Vivekananda, the biggest task of education is to reform human mind, that's why social reformers like mahatma phule, savitribai phule, Mahadev Govind Ranade, Ramabai Ranade, Dhondo keshav karve gave lot of importance to women's education. They spend their whole life for promoting women's education, our society opposed them. Society did not appreciate them for their work. Even much time, they have to straggle a lot in families but they did not give up. They tried to build educational institutions to promote women's education and suggested people to educate their daughters.

2. Economical Independence: -

Economical Independence plays very important role in the process of women empowerment, women should get equal opportunity to earn money. Women should give priority to be financially independent.

Their families should motivate them to become financially independent

1. Respectful behaviour with women: -

Women want respect from others. They deserve respectful behaviour from others with them.

2. Voice in decision making: -

Voice in the process of decision making, plays very vital role in the process of women empowerment. many times women are always taken for granted in the families so they have no voice in the process of decision making, women must have voice in decision making.

Conclusion: -

Women empowerment can play very important role in solving problems of women's and can be helpful to live respectful and happy life.

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