

Impact of Alcohol Ban on Women Empowerment in Chandrapur District

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Abstract—

Women Empowerment is important for any state to grow in all dimensions whether it is economic growth, social growth or any other dimension. Any state can't become a developed state if 50% of population is not getting proper education, family support, opportunities to work, mental peace etc. Alcohol ban in Chandrapur district is major step taken by Maharashtra government which will definitely help women of this area in their empowerment. Alcohol ban is a very tough decision for any state or any district because alcohol directly affects revenue of that state. Many states earn 15-20% of their total revenue collection from alcohol sales. Maharashtra used to earn around 20000 crores from alcohol sales. But apart from revenue collection alcohol brings lots of other issues with it such as domestic violence, road accidents, public nuisances etc.

Maharashtra state follows Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949. Currently in Maharashtra, there is partial ban on Alcohol consumption. Only 3 districts in Maharashtra are having ban on alcohol means that they are dry districts of Maharashtra. These 3 districts are Wardha, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur. These districts have alcohol ban from different years. In Wardha, prohibition came into effect from 1975. In Gadchiroli, prohibition came into effect from 1992. In Chandrapur, prohibition came into effect from 2015. Alcohol ban in Chandrapur is also the result of public demand. After Ban, women will not face domestic violence and people will not face social and economic issues. Alcohol is considered as one of the main cause of domestic violence hence after ban women of Bihar will not suffer much and they can positively contribute in self, family and state development. In this paper we will try to find out the impact of alcohol ban on the lives of women of Chandrapur district and how this ban is helping these women in their empowerment.

Keywords—

women empowerment, alcohol ban, alcohol ban in Chandrapur, alcohol ban socio-economic impact

I. INTRODUCTION

Maharashtra is a developing state of India. It knows that development of any state depends on two M's. These are Man and Money. First, man refers to the human resource of the state and is the integral part of every society. If human resource is healthy and is in good physical & mental health, he will positively contribute in development of the state. Second, Money is related to the economy. State or District needs money to function properly and to implements its plan & schemes effectively and efficiently. But a state or district can't succeed if 50% of its population is facing various social and economic issues and disempowered. Here we are refereeing women population of the Chandrapur district which was facing lots of issues like domestic violence, financial problems etc. because of alcoholism of their family member.

Alcohol is one of the main cause of domestic violence and if we want to solve these social issues and empower our women we have to control the alcohol. With this point in his mind, then finance minister S. Mungantiwar, who had taken the lead in alcohol ban in 2015 in his home constituency in Chandrapur. With this act first M which is Man, will definitely get benefitted because the money saved from not drinking will add good and healthy food to their lives and issues like domestic violence, public nuisances etc. will be controlled but second M which is Money will be affected but it can be recovered from other taxes and by saving money which was used for medical treatments for alcohol related problems in govt. hospitals and now women can also contribute in productivity.

There are different types of empowerment such as psychological, financial, social, educational etc. if any sate want to empower their women population they should focus on all these kind of empowerments. After the ban was implemented it is interesting to know the actual impact of alcohol ban on women's lives and are they really

empowered with this decision? And what kind of positive changes have come to their lives after the alcohol is banned in their district?

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Few studies have analysed the decision of alcohol ban in Chandrapur district and some favoured it and some are not happy with the decision but they have not done any scientific study to the actual impact of alcohol ban. Studies found that alcoholism is main cause of domestic violence against women and controlling only domestic violence is not women empowerment. Alcohol ban can control violence against women but whether it can empower women is a real question. Impact of alcohol ban in women empowerment is not studied by any researcher. No one has tried to find direct relation between women empowerment and alcohol ban.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To study the impact of alcohol ban on women’s life in Chandrapur district from economic and social point of view
2. To study the relation between alcohol ban and women empowerment in Chandrapur district

IV. HYPOTHESES

Hypotheses were set on the basis of all identified factors i.e. impact of alcohol ban on social life and economic life of women:

Hypothesis for impact of ban on economic life of women:

There is significant impact of alcohol ban on economic life of women in Chandrapur district.

Hypothesis for impact of ban on social life of women:

There is significant impact of alcohol ban on social life of women in Chandrapur district.

V. METHODOLOGY

The study undertaken is exploratory in nature and survey method is used after preparing a questionnaire.

Sample size and Sampling Method

Sample size is 50 and purposive sampling method is used.

Tools for data collection

Primary data was collected using Questionnaire and Personal interview and secondary data was collected from various relevant sources like books, Magazines, websites, reports related to study.

Tools for Data Analysis

Statistical tools are used for data analysis. I have calculated the different percentages and represented it in various chart formats.

VI. ANALYSIS

Researcher has collected data from Chandrapur district of Maharashtra. Whatever data is collected is then entered in spreadsheets then tabulated and represented in graph format and analysis of each question is done. The result of the study has been divided into two parts. In first part, analysis was related to economic impact. In the second part, analysis was related to social impact. Then it was related to women empowerment in the state.

Mainly two questions were related to impact of alcohol ban on women.

1. Do you think women are happy with the alcohol ban?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

Table 1 Response of women regarding alcohol ban

Options	Total Responses
Yes	47 (94%)
No	3 (6%)
Total	50 (100%)

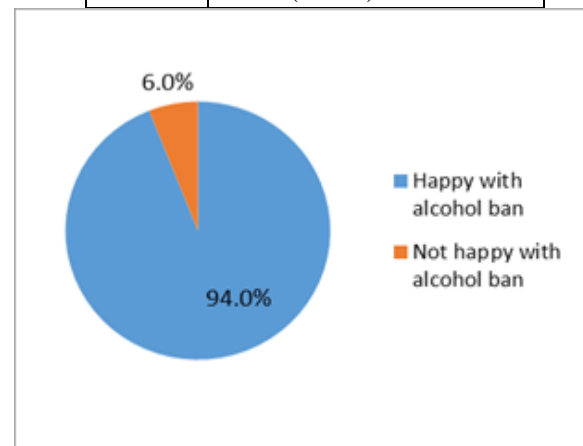


Fig. 1 A simple pie chart showing percentage of women which are happy with alcohol ban and not happy with alcohol ban

2. What positive changes has come to women life after alcohol ban?
 - a) More respect
 - b) More involvement in decision making
 - c) More happiness as no domestic violence
 - d) More participation in earning through Self Help Group
 - e) More focus on children
 - f) All of the above

Table 2 Positive changes in women’s life after alcohol ban

Options	Total Responses
More respect	11 (22 %)
More involvement in	7 (14 %)

decision making	
More happiness as no domestic violence	15 (30 %)
More participation in earning through SHG	6 (12 %)
More focus on children	5 (10 %)
All of the above	6 (12 %)
Total	50 (100%)



Fig. 2 A simple pie chart showing the percentage of respondents with the most positive change to women's life after alcohol ban

A. Analysis w.r.t. impact of ban on economic life of women in Chandrapur district

It is clear from the figure 2 that as women are not facing domestic violence after ban so now they are showing more participation in self-help group and increasing their earning which is helping them become more financial stable. Also they are able to save more money as compared to pre-prohibition era. This is one of the major step towards their economic empowerment.

B. Analysis w.r.t impact of ban on social life of women in Chandrapur district

It is clear from the figure 1 and figure 2 that women are very happy after the ban and now they are getting more respect, more participation in family decision making, they can focus on children education, and they can focus on acquiring new employability skills. This scenario will women to achieve psychological, educational and social empowerment.

From both the analysis we can tell that alcohol ban has direct impact on women empowerment.

VII. HYPOTHESES TESTING

Hypotheses were set on the basis of all identified factors i.e. appearance and performance in the following manner:

Hypothesis for impact of ban on economic life of women in Chandrapur district:

From figure 2 we can say that women are becoming financially more stable because they are saving hard earned money of their partners and also earning through various self-help groups and also earning without SHG.

Hence hypothesis formed for economic impact after ban is accepted as it is i.e. there is significant impact of alcohol ban on economic life of women.

Hypothesis for impact of ban on social life of women in Chandrapur district:

From figure 1 and 2 we can say that women are happy with alcohol ban decision as there is no or very less domestic violence, they are getting more respect, their family life is happy and all are growing together.

Hence hypothesis formed for social impact after ban is accepted as it is i.e. there is significant positive impact of alcohol ban on social life of women.

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

Research is carried out to outline the impact of alcohol ban on women empowerment in Bihar, we can conclude following points:

1. 94% women are happy with alcohol ban decision and this way they are psychologically empowered.
2. Women are happy with ban because no violence against them by their partners as they not alcoholic now. No misbehave with them, no public nuisances by drinkers. So there is peace in their family and society. Now they can work, learn new skills, can focus on education etc. This way they are socially and educationally empowered.
3. After ban, they can freely work and earn for their family, can invest for their future, and can increase their earning by working with SHG. This way they are financially empowered.

Finally we can conclude that alcohol ban decision in Chandrapur district is a masterstroke and has positive impact on women empowerment. We can say that alcohol ban has provided the right environment to the women and they can work for their empowerment. Hence alcohol ban has direct relation with women empowerment in Chandrapur district and Chandrapur district will surely rise as a developed district in Maharashtra.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations are follows:

1. Most negative impact of liquor prohibition is that illegal liquor trade increases, so to make the decision of prohibition successful it is necessary to

implement the laws strictly and involve both public and public servants like police personnel. Governments should make provisions so that whistle blowers can freely, easily & confidentially submit information about liquor smugglers.

2. Government can conduct sensitization program for policy makers and all other stakeholders so that everybody can understand the purpose of alcohol prohibition and ill effects of alcohol consumption

3. All the positive impacts of alcohol ban must be highlighted all possible mediums especially electronic mediums.

4. Central government should conduct a research with more sample size, more inputs, and in more scientific manner with clear objectives to find out the effects of alcohol consumption on public health.

5. Successful case studies of empowered women should be publicized so that other can know that positive impacts of alcohol ban and its positive impact on women empowerment.

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