



Initiative and Measures : Scio-Economic Upliftment of the Chamar of Patna District

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Indian society is stratified and complex one, there are a thousand of heterogeneity. Although each part of the Indian society in more or less effected by the complexity.

The people of the chamars community is also most effected segment of our society. They are born with problems grow in problems and lastly die in problem in the India society. They are forced to live in hardship, the people of the chamar community is unique in their socio-economic characteristics among the scheduled castes of the society. This segment of the society is socially degraded and economically vulnerable and also politically weak and backward this community of the society is capped with a complex problems, the main problems of the chamar community in the study area as follows:-

1. Family Problems:-

The chamars have more complex problems as at the age of 12 and above population have a bad habit of drinking, smoking and taking Gutakas, marriage and other ceremonies, take of total awareness about the native of degrading condition are other problems. They worship a lot of deities and spend a large amount on these meaningless rituals. Generally they barrow money from money lender and landlord on the eve of sons and daughters marriage ceremonies at a very high rate of interest and they are facing indebtedness in whole the life cycle and they this crucial phenomenon they become bonded labourers.

The system of early marriage and early child birth is the common social aspects of the Chamars caste and also all the scheduled caste segment of the society. They are least interested towards education most of the boys and girls are married at the age of 14-18 years. This is a curse of the society and a major cause of backwardness. The overburden of family's loads compels the young to borrow money from the landlord. In this way of the Chamars become bonded labourers.

2. Social Problems:-

The Chamar community is counted in PUNCHA PAWANIYA but they are socially degraded and economically backward in comparison to the Dhobi and they are lagging far behind the other sections of the society in their social, economic, political and cultural and other spheres of life. This social status in our society is very pitiable in the form of untouchability. In the society they are atrociously treated, physically harassed and mentally tortured. Untouchability, humiliation, murder, molestation of women and rape with this woman folk of Chamar community. In the recent time physical harassment is replaced by mass murder and carnages and social boycott which is more worsened than untouchability. The people of the Chamars have to face all these problems, because they are economically backward the younger Chamar people resist against such social problems. The old mythical traditional atrocities take place there, we can commonly know with this information through news paper and electronic media these days. The society has turned into a bad shape and size and sometimes it takes a huge shape and defaces the society.

3. Ethnic Problems:-

The other most prominent problems are ethnic. Some of the people of the society are treated as higher and some are lower in their social status. Inequality is dominant in our society due to the caste system. It is deep-rooted and it cannot be eradicated as yet after a long span of our developmental process. All such types of social and ethnic evolutions of an individual like social value, social status, prestige and justice are based on the caste system. The all scheduled castes are fighting with the problems by their own views of generally and the

chamars are fighting alone for their existence within the society or in Hindu society because the scheduled caste is at the bottom of the society.

4. Economic Problems:-

The economic problems are major problem of the chamars community. The chamars are mostly living below poverty line and facing a lot of economic problems, the chamars are economically backward degraded, due to lack awareness towards economic rights, most of the chamars are physical and mental worker or labourers basically as agricultural labourers in rural area of the study and some of them are now engaged themselves in white colour job in urban area. The nature of the work of these people of the society is so hard but they do not rewarded property. It is very pertains to mention have that it is our economic set-up where the persons who grow food are starving who dig well are thirsty who we are clothes are necked who built multi-storied placed ever spending their life on footpaths who respect the others are insulted all social amenities to others are living selves in a deep sea of sorrow. This is a mockery of equality mentioned in the constitution of India the chamars are economically too much backward and they are unemployed, poverty, indebtedness, lack of minimum wages low level of consumption lack of sufficient clothes low per-capita income etc. The factors responsible for backward economy of the chamars are as follows:-

- (a) Methods of allocations resource small and scatter holding.
- (b) Less economic programme for poor people.
- (c) Lack of land resource and agricultural financial assistance.
- (d) Exploitation at the various levels in various forms by the government officials.
- (e) Exploitation by land lord money lender in difference made.

The present discussion with above mentioned factors are responsible for such a miserable economic life of the chamars the economic backwardness is over all in the scheduled caste community some of them have mitigate this problem to some extent due to progressive attitudes. Nearly 88% of them are agricultural labourers the rural money lender are just like a spider and its cobweb. The poor are like a fly in the cobweb, which can rarely

escape the spider loans from money lender supports the termers just as the hangman's rope support the hanged.

5. Political Problems:-

Political awareness is the pillar to democratic norm of developmental process. This problem is a great bamier in the progress of not only a particular castes, group community and religion but of the entire country better political setup administration skill and political structure which have great hold over the society and country If the political set-up is faulty there will be chos and unrest responsible for a lot of problems. In the recent days the people of chamars castes are facing a number of political problems. It is fact that there is no sound political atmosphere.

As we know the main objective of our constitution is to provide constitutional safeguards to weaker section and scheduled castes scheduled tribes and women segment of the society, But inspite of these constitutional safeguards neither their economic and social condition have improved nor they have any political position in the traditional society rather the political problems of the chamars increased this community is just a vote bank only for the land lord and political of the society.

6. Other Problems:-

The Chamars suffer from so many problem like social economic cultural educational and political etc, besides there problems the chamars are suffering from lack of cordial relationship other scheduled casted community. This shows that there is a lack of mutual understanding within the scheduled castes people. Thus they are stratified within stratification of Varna system. They are not fully aware of combination of society in a single rope for the better step of their development sometime they were authorised due to division of their caste.

Suggestion for Development:-

There are so many problems of the chamars in the study area. Some urgent suggestion may be suggested as follow with concrete plan of action based on ground land reality and it required some urgent approaches with very scientific manner to solve the various problems of the scheduled caste of general and chamars of the particular. Some other approaches related to social religious, economic and political aspects can also prove to be helpful. This task is tedious and tough but not impossible. It may be taken in to consideration with a courageous and continuous approach to eradicate the concerned problem a attempt for better development of chamars may be taken with generously for smooth development of this segment of the society. A suitable formulas and policies and steps of government may be required. A definite planning process should be adopted is achieve by working on two types of planning :-

(a) Primary Level and (b) Secondary Level

The primary level planning will help the chamars to change their soci-economic aspects of their life of destitute and misery while the secondary level planning will help to improve their socio-economic condition so that they should be able to stand themselves on path of development to other section of the society the primary level planning includes basic need of human amenities as such food stuff, clothing Indra Awash, Kerosene Oil, Books and Stationeries and to strengthen public supply system in rural area, provision for mean supply to add aged people and mid day meal for school going children secondly providing profitable animal wealth to the people of chamar and also to open small scale shop of cycle repairing, T.V., mobile repairing may helpful to them. The addiction to liquor is a social enemy of the chamars in the way of their developmental path. The total prohibition of liquor must be implemented and made a provision of punishment.

The secondary level planning includes implementation of land reforms Acts a people movement for land for tillers is to be implemented firmly and honestly this steps of developmental process requires courageous will and strong deceive political will for the concerned person who are in organ of government machineries, It can be fully implemented

by to government official, who has dedicated reforms our traditional modes of development in the caste the above problems are not only related to chamar only but it is related with scheduled caste as a whole the primary health centre and arrangement elementary education most be nearer to the bustee of the chamars such commitment and implementation is a revolutionary work in the field of social change. Illiteracy is curse for any society, we have to develop their literally rate and forms of education there is a need to construct primary health centre and primary school near by the tolas of scheduled caste and teacher of that very school is being selected within scheduled caste people. This is not any major help, but it is a problem of curable. The area of study have also been affected by naxal activities and must be check to spread over the area. The area study is more or less affected by this activity but the western part is more vulnerable and where the concentration of chamars population is higher than eastern and Central Patna.

During the field work it was observed that people of chamars community is very considerable number and mostly engaged themselves in agriculture as agricultural labourers and source of the people of the chamars communities is also engaged themsolve in unlawful work as preparation of country liquor and its selling. This activities causes a great hindrance to make a area peacefully developed the society if it not so, No one can save the society to its destruction.

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