



# A STUDY ON THE CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG SCHEDULED CASTE WOMEN AND ITS IMPACT ON THEIR LIFE OF CHIRANG DISTRICT, ASSAM.

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**Abstract:** This paper concentrates on exploring the causes of unemployment among Scheduled Caste women and its impact on their life in district Chirang. World is facing so many issues and problems among them educated women unemployment is one of the serious problems. For the present study the researcher has used descriptive research and data has been collected from both the primary and secondary sources. A sample of 150 respondents was drawn from unemployed respondents of Chirang district using simple random sampling technique. Interview is used as a tool to collect the data for the present research work. The causes of educated women unemployment is due to increase in population, lack of practical knowledge, low salary, lack of professional skills, Family responsibilities, family obligations and social restrictions, dishonesty. This lead to increase in poverty, frustration, increase in crime.

**Keywords:** Unemployment, Scheduled Caste, Women.

## Introduction-

Educated unemployment has become a headache. Educated unemployment is likely to be the major economic problem and it has become a global problem. It is becoming more and more serious day by day. Unemployment is defined as a situation if a person has skillfulness, ability and willing to do work but he cannot get occupations. It is estimated that the problem will became more serious in future, if proper attention is not paid, it will alter the every sector and put negative impact on the development of country. The problem

of unemployment, particularly among the educated, is gradually becoming a major concern. This is not only the problem of developing or under developed countries but also with the developed countries. Educated man power is one of the most major inputs in the development of any country. Presently educated unemployment has become a problem facing our country. Educated unemployment implies a huge waste of human and material resources. To achieve the objective of full utilization of human resources, attention to the problem of rapidly growing number of educated unemployed is necessary. In this context, studies throwing light on the causes and effects of educated unemployment.

### **Review of literature-**

Ahmad, Z. and Khan, J. (2016) studied the An Analysis of the Causes and Consequences of Unemployment in District Peshawar. For the study the researcher data has been collected from both the primary and secondary sources. Interview is used as a tool for the present study and a sample of 120 respondents of the area has been collected. The results show that the causes of unemployment are due to o low education, low salary, lack of proper skill, poverty, overpopulation. This has lead to increase in suicide and crimes in the society.

Rakna, M., Soris, N., M., N. and Premila (2017) carried out a study regarding causes and effects of unemployment in India. The study found that causes of unemployment is due to population explosion, technical education, industrialization is not equally distributed across diverse geographical locations of India. The main effects of unemployment are poverty, drug abuse increases in crimes, social and economic imbalance of the country and it affects mentally as well as physically.

Akhter, R. (2018) conducted study on educated unemployed women and their socio cultural life in Kashmir with special reference to district Kulgam. A total sample of 300 educated unemployed women of the present study was selected with the help of stratified random sampling technique for the research work. The data was collected from extensive field survey by employing an interview schedule. The data collected were analyzed using percentage, bar diagrams. The findings of the study showed that causes of unemployment are corruption, poverty and the main effects of unemployment are suicide, domestic violence, frustration and stress.

Dhinger, G. (2020) studied the study of socio economic perspectives of educated unemployed women and its impact on their life. A total sample of 250 nonworking educated women of the present study was selected with the help of stratified random sampling technique for the research work. The data was collected from extensive field survey by employing a close ended questionnaire. The findings of the study showed that causes restraining educated women to work are family pressure, old customs and traditions, childcare, health issues etc. These lead to create many problems in their life like depression, frustration, humiliation, domestic violence, family problems or economic issues.

## Objectives of the study-

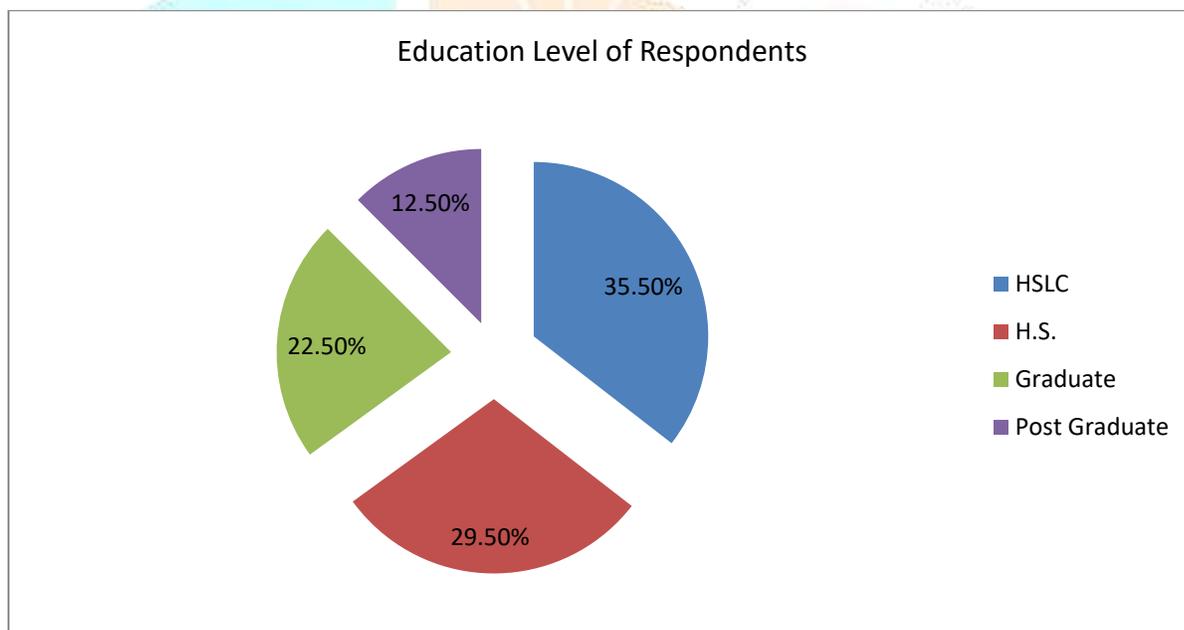
1. To find out the causes of unemployment among educated Scheduled Caste women.
2. To study the effects of educated Scheduled Caste women unemployment.

## Methodology-

For the present study the researcher has used descriptive research and data has been collected from both the primary and secondary sources. Population comprises of the unemployed educated Scheduled Caste women of the Chirang District of Assam. A sample of 150 respondents was drawn from unemployed respondents of Chirang district using simple random sampling technique. Interview is used as a tool to collect the data for the present research work.

## Results and Discussion-

Figure 1 Education Level of Respondents



The above figure shows that the level of education among respondents. Educational background was divided into 4 categories which are HSLC, H.S., graduate and post graduate. Out of 120 respondents, 35.5% being were HSLC, 29.5% studied up to H.S., 22.5% were graduated and less than 13 % were post graduated.

### **Causes of unemployment-**

- All the respondents agree the fact that increases in population is the result of unemployment. Population explosion is one of the leading causes of unemployment.
- Due to the lack of practical knowledge, graduates, post graduates are unemployed.
- Most of the people are in search of highly skilled and professional worker and women without specialized training cannot get jobs that require technical skill. Low skills lead to unemployment. Due to lack of professional skills, the women remain unemployed.
- The rate of industrial growth is slow in the study area and that is the reason, the respondents expressed that lack of industries as a cause of unemployment.
- Lack of experience was the main reason for failed in interviews attended by educated Scheduled Caste women unemployment.
- Some of the respondents stated that even though they were qualified for any job they cannot get a job due to the existence of corruptions and dishonesty in the system they were not selected.
- Family responsibilities also act as a disincentive to take up jobs, for e.g. taking care of parents and siblings, their children and maintenance of the family etc acts as a barrier in developing a career for Scheduled Caste women.
- Traditional barriers such as family obligations and social restrictions on women are the causes of unemployment. Parents and husbands were not encouraged them to search for a job outside their home town because they do not want to send them outside their home town.
- Some of the respondents were not satisfied with the salaries they received and they left their job thus making them financially dependent on men.

### **Effects of educated Scheduled Caste women Unemployment-**

- The unemployment status of the respondent affects them psychologically more than financially.
- From the survey it is observed that many of the women made them dependent on their family i.e. husband, parents, brother, sister or even the extended family and relations due to their unemployed status.
- Unemployment hinders the development of the respondent's personality. They often do not participate in social gatherings because they feel neglected in social gatherings.
- They do not have time and interest to participate in conferences seminars, conducted by various organizations because they are busy with their household work.
- They are mentally disturbed and frustrated and have no hope for their improved status for their unemployment.

**Suggestions-**

- Special programs for educated women unemployed to be organized in order to reduce the unemployment problems.
- Quality of education should be maintained. Our education should be skill oriented which will impart both education and skills side by side, and as a result it will reduce the dependence of educated unemployed women and make them self- earners.
- Job oriented education should be imparted to the students.
- Government should create more employment opportunities especially for women. State should take all measures to solve problems of unemployment for the educated women.
- Population explosion is one of the most import causes for the present unemployment problem. So the government has to take initiative for the awareness of population control by motivating people for having smaller families.
- The educated women should change their attitude also and they should think of self-employment, rather than searching jobs and wasting their energy. It will help us to cope up with the problem of educated unemployment.

**Conclusion-**

The growing unemployment ratio among the educated women has created a sense of frustration which increases suicide rates, corruption. Growing unemployment forced them to feel burden on the other earning family members. At current situation unemployment is one of the crucial issues that our society is facing. There is no country in the world where the seeds of unemployment are not found. Population growth, lack of skill and ability are another causes of unemployment. As a matter of fact an unskilled person cannot easily survive in the society, and employment needs a skilled person. If the employment is created only skilled persons will achieve a job because of their skills. System of education in our schools is another factor which is responsible for unemployment because it did not include vocational subjects. To overcome with the problem of unemployment we must focus on vocational subjects. After completing their studies, there is less chances of getting a job because many candidates who are interviewed and failed and only few of them gets a job. Hence appropriate change is needed in the educational system and attitude of people in order to reduce the problem of educated women unemployment.

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