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## ENCOURAGING WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT POLICIE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SONAPUR GAON PANCHAYAT IN GOHPUR SUB-DIVISION, BIWANATH, ASSAM

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### Abstract :

Women are the heart of the nation. without the active participation of the policies and schemes of the women, the nation can not progress. Women empowerment through active participation of Government activities are the motto of the Government of India. The Government of India take every possible steps to empowered the women in this regard. The women have to be given the chance to take their own responsibilities.

,Key words : Women, Progress Empowered, Participation.

### Introduction :

Women constitute about 48.2% of total population of our nation as per 2011 census. But they are not well represented in political, social and economic life as per their strength. The government of India taken women empowerment as the motto of their policy. [1] It is felt that without active participation of the women in the government activities, a democratic nation can not be successful. The government of India has taken necessary step to encourage the women in this regard. The constitution of India provides 33% of seats for women I the best example in this effort. [2] At present the government of India takes numbers of policies to empower the women whole. It is hoped that the women community must be empowered. When women are given the chance to take active participation in government activities, the dream of every Indian to see their state as upper power.

## **Objective of the study :**

The main objective of the study are :

1. To examine whether the women of the rural area, specially the women of backward community becomes aware about some governmental schemes and policies.
2. To study the educational status of the women community of Sonapur gaon panchayat.

## **Methodology :**

For the present study, both primary and secondary data are collected. Primary data collected by direct personal investigation, indirect oral investigation by schedules and quaternaries and by local reports. Secondary data collected from various published and unpublished sources and official records. Sample survey techniques are used in collection of primary data. Here, simple random sampling is used

## **Study Area**

Gohpur sub-Division is situated in the north bank of river Brahmaputra. It occupies an area of 609sq km. it is bounded in the east by Lakhimpur district of Assam, on the west by Biswanath Chariali sub-division of Biswanath District, on the north by Arunachal Pradesh and on the south by river Brahmaputra. The area extended from hawajan to river Buroi. The total population of Gohpur sub-division is 241,987(2001) of which 1,29,217 are males and 1,17,770 are females. Sonapur gaon panchayat is situated under the Pub Chaiduar Block of Gohpur sub – Division. The total area of Sonapur gaon panchayat is 201.68 hectares .Sonapur has a total population of 635 peoples.

## **Discussion :**

It is to be noted that the government of Assam has implemented various schemes like ‘MAJONI’, ‘MOMOTA’, ‘JANANI SURAKSHA YOGANA’, ‘MOMOMI’ etc are worth mentioning in this regard. [3]As it has been mentioned earlier that these schemes /policies are for welfare of the women community, hence they must know about these policies and schemes. The acquisition of knowledge regarding schemes/policies will help in their empowerment.

## **Knowledge Regarding ‘Janani Suraksha Yojana’ :**

Janani Suraksha Yojana has been implemented by the Health Department of Assam which main aim is to give relief to the pregnant women after delivery. This scheme provide 1400/- to the women of rural areas and 1000/- to the women of urban areas. This scheme has become very popular among the women, specially among the rural women.

Table-1.

No of respondent	%
32	80
04	10
04	10
40	

When we asked about the scheme and its aim a majority of 80% of the respondents have replied positively. 10% of the respondent are not aware about the scheme and 10% of the respondent did not reply to our question. It is observed that most of the respondents have knowledge about the JSY scheme oh the Health Department. It is a good sign for our society.

### Knowledge Regarding' MAJONI Scheme :

'MAJONI' is another scheme of the Government of Assam which main aim is to make future of the girl child secure. Through this scheme the Government provides Rs. 5000/-in the name of the new born girl child.The amount would be Rs.25000/-while the girl child attain age of 18.

Table-2.

Knowledge Regarding 'MAJONI' scheme	No of Respondent	%
Yes	28	70%
No	08	20%
NR	04	10%
Total	40	

It is seen from the table- (iii) that a majority 70% of the respondent have their knowledge about the scheme. 20% of the respondent have no knowledge about the scheme and 10% of our respondent did not reply to our question.

### Knowledge regarding 'MOROMI' Scheme :

Another important scheme introduced by the Government of Assam in 2010 under the Chief Minister's 'Assam Vikash Yojona' to provide financial support to patients who have cope with loss of wage due to hospitalization. The support is intended to meet the diet post hospitalization expenses also. [4]The patient who have admitted in Madical College would get RS.75/-day for a maximum period of seven days, the patient who is admitted in district hospital would get RS.50/- per day for a period of 5 days and the patient who is admitted in PHC/FRU/SDCH would get RS.30/- per day for a period of 5 days.

Table-3.

Knowledge regarding 'MOROMI' Scheme	NO OF Respondent	%
Yes	16	40%
No	20	50%
NR	04	10%
Total		

Data shows that the respondent who have clear knowledge about JSY scheme and MAJONI scheme have less knowledge regarding this scheme. Data shows that 40% of our respondents have idea about this scheme and 50% respondent replied negatively. And a few 10% respondent did not reply.

### Knowledge regarding 'MOMOTA' Scheme ;

'MOMOTA' is another important scheme of health department of Assam which aim is to minimize the percentage of death of new born babies and mother after delivery. [5] This scheme provides total health care to the babies and mother s in the hospital up to 48 hours .By this scheme a gift pack which includes a towel, a piece of soap, powder, oil, mosquito net, and a piece of polythene is provided to the mother of the new born baby.

Table-4.

Knowledge regarding 'MOMOTA' Scheme	No of Respondent	%
Yes	25	65%
No	10	30%
NR	05	05%
Total	40	

When we asked about the scheme 65% of the respondent replied positively and 30% are not aware of the scheme and 05% don not reply.

### Educational status :

Educ ational qualification plays an important role in women empowerment .Women with good academic qualification can acquire knowledge quickly as compared to other who have less educational qualification.

Table-5.

Educational Qualification	No of Res[ondent	%
Undermatric	20	50
HSLC	07	17
HSSLC	06	12
B.A.	X	-
M.A.	X	-
Illiterate	07	

It is seen from the table-(V) that 50% of the respondent of our study are uunderc,17% are HSLC pass, 12% are HSSLC pass and 17% are illiterate.It is also to be noted that higher educational qualification such as B.A., M.A. passed are completely nill.

### Conclusion:

Democratically it is true that most of the women of our study are aware about various scheme.of health department. But it can be said that in a democratic nation it is necessary to aware 100% people about each and every policies/schemes of the Goivernment. It is observed that in our country people comes to know about the various schemes.

2. In a democratic state the government has to take every possible steps for the welfare of the people. In this context the Assam government has also formulated different policies/schemes for the welfare of the people.

3. It can be said that the women of our society are on the way of empowerment. The active participation of women in our various schemes and policies has reflected the fact in our study.

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