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Ugly Face of Rape Among Female Dalits in Western Uttar Pradesh : A Sociological Study

Abstract

"Violence against Women Costs

The community – socially and Economically

A society which is unsafe for women is unsafe for everyone"

In any nation the cultural manners and the condition of society is analyzed and evaluated by the condition of women of that era and we can say that the developed civilization and cultures of society always analysis by their living status of women.

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Introduction

India's population as on 15th national serve 2011 stood at 1,210,193,422 (623, 724, 248 males and 586, 174 females). During this period i.e., 2001 to 2011 the peoples who belong to scheduled caste in India are increased by 35 millions. The censuses figures have shown that there are 201.4 Millions Hindu, Sikh, Budhhist dalits in India and the ratio of increment for Dalit peoples are about 20.8% that is much higher than the general population. The general population had increased only 17.7% of total population of India. That's mean the overall SC share of the population also have increased from 16.2% to 16.6%. India's demographic imbalance number for scheduled caste people of which there are 103.5 millions males and 97.9 millions females and they are alienated among the 29 states and 7 Union territories across the country and the highest population of Dalit peoples resides in state of Uttar Pradesh only, i.e. More than 40 million Dalits population in the entire region of Uttar Pradesh reside.

Who are Dalits?

The word "Dalit" comes from the Sanskrit root of dal- and means "Broken, ground-down, downtrodden or oppressed". Those previously known as untouchables, depressed classes, and Harijans are today increasingly adopting the terms "Dalit" as a name for themselves. In ancient India, the upper class of people have always neglected and prejudiced Dalits.

But Dalit women faced double discrimination on the basis of caste class and gender in all spheres of their life and subject to gross violation of their physical integrity, including sexual abuse by dominant castes. Police statistics data over the past 5 years shows that 3 dalit women are raped every day by dominant caste. Awareness among dalit women as 'inferior' and untouchable', as sexually available, as inherently criminal in nature, and as available for all forms of violence, especially sexual violence contribute to their specific vulnerability to violence. National Human Right commission has stated that numbers of rape against scheduled caste women are increasing day by day and most of rape is used by 'upper' caste militias as a weapon to break morale of the entire communist. Rape is used as political instrument, and wrath of the dominant castes. Moreover, in some villages across India, dominate castes continue to perceive their 'right to rape of dalit women even today. In India the conviction rate for rapes against Dalit women in under 2% compared to 9% conviction rate in total of 25% in rape cases against all women in India.

Some Common Terms that Involved in Violence against Women are

Incest, Sexual abuse, Rape, Date Rape, Sexual assault, where drugs or alcohol was used as weapon., Indecent behavior, Indecent assault, Sexual molesting Child Sexual abuse and child sexual assault but here this paper is focuses on terms Rape among female Dalits only.

(In India only Dalits constitute about percent of India's population



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