



Gender Based Discrimination Facing By Women In Rural Areas Of Darrang District Of Assam

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Abstract

Gender discrimination is not a new think to the societies of India. Women always treated as weaker section of the patriarchal society. Discrimination against women starts from their own house when parents differentiate between their son and daughters. Women told to dress properly from their childhood. Parents show more importance of their son's education. Women face discrimination in society as they had to live their life in other's condition for some societal norms in a male dominant society. Women live in rural areas face more gender-based discrimination in compared to women live in urban areas. In this paper topic of discussion will be based on what are the main gender-based discrimination facing by women in rural areas of Darrang district of Assam. Despite of all discrimination against women how they fight for their rights and involve themselves in getting empowered. Their family supports in their empowerment sector and what are the problem they have to face is discussed in this paper.

Key Words

Gender discrimination, empowerment, patriarchal society.

Introduction

In a patriarchal society where women are always dominated and subordinated by men. People ignore women's opinion in a household or society like they are not that important to the society. In rural areas women afraid to fight against the discrimination they are facing because they afraid of being apart from their families. They afraid to raised voice against violence, abuse and trauma they are facing because of their self-confidence is very low. Their educational background is low because they have to drop out from their school from family pressure any marry at a very early age. They face lack of knowledge about the rights for women. They afraid if they fight against their family members and husband where she will go after that. rural women are not aware of constitutional law against gender-violence and punishment for that. Higher education is very important to uplift self-confidence, knowledge and courage to raise voice against what they are facing in their households. To involve in empowerment sector woman, have to go through lots of difficulties in rural areas. Society do want women to involve in earning. According to rural societies women should only involve in household works and their husband should involve in earning money. Their own family members do not support women when they involve in empowerment and earning by doing small sector business for her economic independence.

Methodology

To conduct this research both primary and secondary data are used. Primary data collected from visiting rural areas of Darrang district and interaction with women. Secondary data collected from reading various newspapers, research papers and book.

Objective

To analyze the gender-based discrimination facing by women living in rural areas.

Summary

Discrimination facing in rural women are mainly they are not financially independent in compared to women living in urban areas. Financial independence gives freedom to women. Also, they are emotionally engaged with their family members if they face abuse from the family members women will not raise voice towards them. When in earning women starting their entrepreneurship lack of family support can see in the starting phase of their business.

Types of Discrimination-

- Domestic violence- Domestic violence is very common in Indian societies over women. For various reason women facing domestic violence from their family members. Physical violence, sexual harassment etc. have to face by women.
- Decision making- Women being ignores in decision making of any important family matters or in societal matters. All important decision is taken by men of the family as well as in the societal matter every decision taken by men of the society or village. Women are not invited to give their opinion.
- Abuse- Women face abuse in patriarchal dominate society where beaten and mental abuse is very common. Women are not allowed to raise voice over men. In a patriarchal society abuse over women considers to anormal thing for the society. Get beaten by her husband is consider as a simple thing.
- Inequality- In every field inequality between men and women can be clearly visible. In their won house if women belong from a poor household education of their son are mostly important rather than their daughter's education. Because daughter will be going to other's house after marriage while son will take care his parents. Women have to forcefully marry in an early age because of inequality. After marriage in her husband's house, she also has to face inequality as well as her all personal decision will take by her husband
- Dowry related violence- Dowry related violence is also very big problem in Indian societies. As per rule bride's family have to give some gift or money to groom's family along with the bride as dowry. But some poor families could not effort that. because of that later women have to face violence against not giving dowry by fer family. Sometimes they kill women when not getting the dowry.

Solution of Discrimination against Women-

- Raising Voice- Not raising voice is not the solution. Women should raise voice against violence, abuse and discrimination against them. Not only for herself, if they see other women facing that kind of inequality they should raise voice for them also. Because raising voice matters.
- Higher Education- First of all women should be highly educated. Knowledge can reduce the discrimination they are facing. Educated women face less violence in compared to un-educated women because of their knowledge. Educated women know how to fight against discrimination.

- Awareness- Awareness of women against discrimination is important. When women aware of their rights they can fight against what they are facing in the society.
- Opinion- In household matters or their personal matter women should give their opinion. Without giving their opinion their status in their house will not grow.
- Empowerment- Women should involve themselves in earning and get empowered. When a woman earning, society see her with respect because she is helping her husband by contributing in monthly expenditures.

Findings:

1. Women in rural areas facing more domestic violence in compared to women from urban areas.
2. Education is very important for women living in rural areas because educated women can raise voice against discrimination
3. Women from rural areas afraid of raising voice because they are emotionally connected with their families.
4. Opinion of women of the house is not asked in decision making of household matters.
5. Women should make them financially capable for earning respect in the society.
6. Empowerment of women is very important in rural areas because after getting empowered women can help their family by contributing money which can uplift their status in the house and society.

Conclusion:

After the discussion of this research work it is concluded here that women from rural areas are facing more discrimination than women living in urban areas because most of the women from rural areas are uneducated. They are not able to fight against their rights. they totally depend upon their family members or husband financially. They facing daily discrimination against her but they are not raising voice against it because they do not want to be separate from their families. Education is they way by which women can get their rights by getting knowledge.

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