



Atrocities on Women: A Study

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Abstract: Atrocities against women is very common in India. Women face atrocities in all the sphere of life even in the home. Such crime against women is the utter human volition as the half of the population is under stress and trauma. A study shows that atrocities against women in public offices hampers growth and reduces output. It brings emotional disorder both to the victim and her family. It has multifaceted socio-economic problems which have been analyzed in this paper.

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Women are the mother of mankind and liaison of generation. Half of the population is women who are practically the second sex in most of the countries of the third world. The world has progressed a lot but their condition and dependence on their men counterpart has been still lopsided. They have to face multifaceted new changes due to the changing economic scenario in the third world countries. The conditions of the poor ladies have not been discussed politically except in the matter of vote and election. In the Muslim world the condition of the women are severe who are only born to suffer and to remain silence though they are tortured both physically and mentally. Religion makes them live like beasts carrying the burden of their husbands and children.

The condition of India is severe when the problems of women are analyzed. The researchers found that women are tortured more in their home rather than in the outside of their home. Second thing is that in India women are more tortured by the women than that of the men which has been proved by many social science researchers.

Both physical and mental torture meted out women in home is called domestic violence. It has been found that more than 80 per cent of women in India face domestic violence both before and after marriage. In the middle class families the educated unmarried girls are seen being severely thrashed by their fathers and brothers in case of love, romance and love marriage. In most of the middle class family the young and educated girls are not allowed to marry as per their choice. In most of the family in the rural India even educated and employed girls are not allowed to tie their nuptial knots with the boys whom they like due to caste, class and region differences.

The domestic violence's ugly face was seen Arushee modern case. CBI, the investigating agency, termed it as an honor killing. A teenager was killed mercilessly in her home by the members of her family only for love and sex. Researchers say thousands of Arushee die every year but the matters end giving it different color. Truth is rarely unearthed in the matter of demotic violence leading to murder because nobody is there to file an FIR. This murder is termed as suicide and the Indian police are bribed to destroy evidences. It seen that parents beat their teenage daughters to cripple permanently if they are caught red-handed in the arms of their boyfriends. School going girls are always kept in surveillance by their parents and other members of the family regarding any kind of violation of social and religious rules that, as they think, may go against the honor of the family.

Violence in home becomes severe in case a husband is a habitual drunk. In this case there is a chance that the wife may be tortured both physically and mentally. Wine and alcohol bring disturbances in the family and this cudgel directly falls on the head of the wife. A house wife is often manhandled in the house of her husband. The family members of the lady ask her to bear the torture without any protest.

Many women commit suicide failing to bear the atrocity. Some are compelled to take extreme steps to break the tie. Divorce cases increase year to year. Data shows in 2010 one lakh fifty thousand divorce cases were filed in the different family courts of India which is increased to one lakh seventy five thousand in 2011. In the same year 80,000 married women commit suicide due to domestic violence and other reasons in India as reported by the Crime Bureau of India. Out of the women commit suicide 81.45 per cent of them are illiterate who did not know the rules and regulations made for them against domestic and other violence.

The feminist movements in India are not effectives though a lot of feminist organizations work in the grass root level. These organizations are seen directly and indirectly controlled by the political parties in power. Raising fund from national and international sources through the help of the ruling parties, this type of organizations is seen transacting business. Often these quasi political



groups are seen dancing to the tune of the rulings parties as a result they ultimately derail from the main path. Now a days the educated women do not have faith on these organizations only illiterate poor suffering ladies approach to these organizations.

The condition of divorcees is very pathetic. They are not socially accepted. As per the 2011 census 3.56 crore divorcees are there in India. It is the record but in rural areas a lot of women are separated from their husbands which are not recorded. The divorcees face acute social crises. As divorce is not religiously accepted they are looked down upon. Again these women always succumbed to sexual violence both inside and outside of home. A Delhi based NOG working for the upliftment of the sex workers found after a study that 67 per cent sex workers are the divorcees in New Delhi. It indicates domestic violence is one of the greatest causes of divorce and divorce increases the numbers of sex workers.

The condition of married ladies becomes severe due to dowry problems. Dowry does not let women live a peaceful life with her husband. She is tormented which is more painful than physical torture. The family of the tortured ladies often wants them to adjust with all the members of the house hold without any complain.

In the populous countries like India employment is a severe problem. Both educated and uneducated ladies want jobs due to certain compulsion. In offices they face atrocities from the different sections. The bosses often harass them sexually. Some adjust with the circumstances and some left the job and a few only complain. The complaints face a lot of hardship to get justice. They have to go through a lot of mental trauma to fight for justice. Often the media takes advantages of women atrocities like rape and molestation for its popularity. Media makes news in such an amorous

way that it hampers the prestige of victim and gain the victim is victimized by media. It is reported by an NGO that 68 per cent of the cases are forcibly compromised and only in 4 per cent cases the accused is convicted and in the rest cases the convict is acquitted for different reasons.

If it is properly analyzed one will find that women atrocities are very common everywhere and the laws are stringent but due to lack of consciousness cases are not filed.

The process of trial is so critical and time taking that women feel being neglected to get justice. In the course of trial the advocates question the ladies in such a way that these questions seem to question their character. In the court room surrounded by lawyers and attendants the victim feel humiliated to put forth her views. This process of trial should be reformed to bring justice to the women.

The government spend heavy amount from its exchequer for the women Commission in all the states and in the union but all these commissions are there only for political rehabilitations. The ruling parties generally appoint commissioners from the party cadre as a result the women commissions become the offices of the ruling parties.

Atrocities against women are universal. It is also found in the most developed countries like the USA, European Union and other countries. The countries like Switzerland, France and Sweden which have achieved excellence controlling atrocities against women is due to only mass consciousness and respect for the women. Through stringent laws crime cannot be controlled and regulated that have been proved in the Muslim countries like South Arabia where siriath laws are in prevail. So by qualitative education and mass awareness atrocities against women could be controlled.

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