



DEVADASI CHILDREN IN THE INDIAN SOCIETY: A THEORETICAL PERCEPTION OF SOCIAL CONSIDERATION

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ABSTRACT

The present paper made an endover to focus some of the issues related to the Devdasi Children the deprived and neglected class in the Indian Society. Devadasi and their children are the outcome from the ignorance, superstitions, cultural drawbacks, illiteracy and cultural identity practiced centuries together by the orthodox cult in the Indian society. In the modern world with the past changing scenario in the different facts of the society, such children are to be brought out in the main stream with the help of constitutional provisions and social responsibility. Therefore, an attempt has been made to focus about the existence of Devdasi Children and the possible means to uplift them is the main consideration. As a result, the suggested effective measures are to be implemented with due concern and responsibility probably such children may have to enjoy their existence in the society with a dignity as a citizen of India.

Keywords: Devadasi Children, Social Obligation, Constitutional Provisions and Social Upliftment.

India is second largest populous country in the world with complex culture multi caste creed, colour and religion in the fold of secularism. The monarchy system practiced the untouchability, the determination marginalization and exploitations are reached to the extreme height in the hierarchical order of the society had been set by the ancestors and practiced century together. The monarchy dynasties have broken systematically after the independence of India and adoption of Constitution played an important role and also practicing for the last six decades. The liberty, Equality and Fraternity are the sound principals have helped to reduce the intensity of discrimination of social system.

The education is route cause for the social change. As per the article 21 A, Right to Education and broughtout tremendous changes in society, yet there are many neglected area in the society. Therefore, an attempt has been paid to focus the attention on Devadasi Children and their existence is the main trust in this paper. Devadasi and their children are the outcome from the ignorance, superstitions, cultural drawbacks, illiteracy and cultural identity practiced century together by the orthodox cult in the Indian Society. In the modern world with changing scenario in the different facts of the society, such children are to be brought out in the main stream with the help of constitutional provisions and social responsibility.

There are many provisions for the upliftment of the downtrodden not only form the educational and employment but also the socio economic aspects in the constitutional frame. It is heartening to the note that there is no separate or special provision for the upliftment of such children. As a citizen of India, one has to enjoy the provisions like Right to Education is



a fundamental right. Equality is another valuable Right etc.,. In view of this, the neglected class has not been focused by the Governments either in the central or in the state to look into the considerable population size in the society. Why society has neglected this section? Is it not the responsibility to take them into the main stream? Why the opportunities have denied to such class? Who is responsible for this kind of unhealthy atmosphere created in this society? The series of questions could be asked but the ultimate answer would be the same that the society does not have any eye to see such kind of children. The commitment to the upliftment, concern to the neglected area and political will is totally missing in this ugly face of Indian citizens.

The reservation has provided a ladder to go ahead to educate and get an employment opportunity to the Weaker Sections in particular the Backwards Classes in general. Accordingly, 50% of reservation is enjoying by the people belonging to the identified communities. But, it is unfortunate that, the devdasi and their children have been emitted in these prevailing provisions. The emitted and limited communities are suppose to enjoy more beneficiaries rather than the other Weaker Sections or Backward Classes of the society. It is in reversed manner the provisions have implemented.

Therefore, it is the need of the hour to address the prevailing conditions of Devadasi and their children and provide the required facilities and cater to the need of such communities for their welfare and to take them into the mainstream. Then only, there is a true sense of Citizens of Indian may emerge. Keeping this concern in the mind, the following suggestions have been brought out for their upliftment. The following suggestions or measures for Devadasi Children are.....

1. There must be separate governance to study their background are backwardness.
2. There is an urgent need to provide good and quality education with special provisions by the concern authorities.
3. The English language proficiency training is to be provided.
4. The Computer literary and soft skills must be extended.
5. The kind of competitive examination and awareness with training are to be given.
6. The personalities. Development programmes are to be launched.
7. The Information and Guidance Bureau is to be established.
8. The separate reservation is to be thought of for such children.
9. Measures are to be taken to remove the stigma of the Devadasi Children.
10. To make them a potential person to lead the life comfortable with their independent capabilities in the competitive world.

CONCLUSIONS:

The suggested measures are to be taken into consideration not sympathetic mind and attitude but by the constitutional provisions with social responsibility. Then, only in real sense children may have a good image in the society.