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A SURVEY ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AWARENESS AMONG MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN MALDA DISTRICT.

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ABSTRACT :

ike many countries of the world, India adopted Western model of democracy without having socioeconomic and cultural conditions conducive to its growth and working India declared her goals of polity in the preamble of her Constitution: Justice, Equality, Liberty, and Fraternity. The preamble of the Constitution of India begins with the words: "We the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic, Republic and to Secular to all its citizens"4. The words, 'Socialist and Secular' were inserted by the Constitution Act, 1976;5. According to Jawaharlal Nehru "Democracy has been spoken of chiefly in the past, as political democracy, roughly represented by every person having a vote. But a vote by itself dose not represent very much to a person who is down and out, to a person, let us say, who is starving or hungry. Political democracy, by itself, is not enough except that it may be used to obtain a gradually



increasing measure of economic democracy, equality and the spread of good things of life to others and removal of gross inequalities"6. He was aware that political democracy could succeed only along with economic and social democracy.

KEY WORDS: Socioeconomic , Muslim Community, goals of polity , Socialist, Secular, Democratic.

INTRODUCTION:

Since independence the Indian Government has been devoting their special attention to uplift of the especially weaker sections of the Indian society and therefore, through planned action a number of welfare schemes and programmes have been a dopted for their betterment. In this

connection reservation policy for the weaker sections has been taken into account through Constitutional measures by the Government, such as reservation of seats for admission to educational institutions, jobs, election to assembly, parliament, local bodies etc. After independence Government as well as voluntary organizations are right in paying special attention to education as a key factor for bringing about social, economic, political and environmental change in the backward class of people.

There are so many develop mental programmes for Minority, such as Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), National Scheme of Training for Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), 20-point Programme etc.28 Besides this, there are so many schemes under Central Governments supple menting the welfare of the weaker section of the society i.e. Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SJGSY), Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), Rural Landless **Employment Guarantee** Programme (LREGP), Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY),29 Indra Awaas Yojana (IAY), Jawahar Gram Smridhi Yojana (JGSY) and Under **Employment Assurance** Scheme (EAS)30 providing assured employment of 100 days of unskilled manual work to the rural poor who are in need of employment and seeking it etc. But help in many cases does not reach the needy persons.

Education, obviously a powerful vehicle bringing about change, a panacea of all evils and a potent weapon for prevention plays a central role in the society. The role of the education in traditional societies was largely confined to cultural A SURVEY ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AWARENESS AMONG MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN MALDA DISTRICT.

accomplishment. In the context of development of modern science and technology, which are being used as tools of qualitative change in human lives, education has come to be acknowledged as a tool of human development and empowerment.34 In the context of transformation of a traditional society into a modern one, the center of authority shifts from the known-information systems to formal systems which are supposedly based on the principles of equity and justice. The weaker sections belonging to Muslim Minority who have been at the lowest rung of the ladder of development have a genuine difficulty in understanding a assimilating the rationale and modus operand of this transformation, functioning of the formal modern institutions and class character of the people who may be occupying a commanding position in the new system. They get seriously handicapped on account of this ignorance. Literacy and education provide a key to such understanding: they also help in demystifying and demythologising the aura of false consciousness, which clouds our mind and tends to perpetuate the unjust and inequitable system. In this sense, they become important tools of liberation of the weaker sections of the society while simultaneously working for their identification with the State and National mainstream.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

Hence the Investigator has decided the topic of the present study as "A study on Socio-economic Awareness among Mualim Community in the district of Malda."

Objectives of the study:

The following objectives were laid down for the study:

1. To estimate the Socio-economic Awareness of Male and Female People of Muslim community in Malda District. 2.To know the degree of Socio-economic Awareness of Urban and Rural people under Muslim community in Malda District.

Hypotheses:

Ho₁:-There will be no significant mean difference of Socio-economic Awareness between Male and Female People of Muslim community in Malda District.

Ho₂:- There will be no significant mean difference of Socio-economic Awareness between Rural & Urban People People of Muslium Community in Malda District.

POPULATION AND SAMPLE

All the Muslim People live in the district of Malda were considered the population of the study. But it was not possible to carry out research work with the total population. Hence it was necessary to select the representative samples for the study. To make the study effective 100 People (both 50male and 50female, urban and rural) of Muslim from the target population were selected as sample.

Tool used in this study :

The following tool was used in this study Socio-economic Awareness scale

Validity and Reliability of tools:

No standardized, alternative or parallel from the awareness scale was available for testing the reliability and validity of the constructed scales, hence to estimate the reliability of the scales, test and re-test method was adopted. In this context the scale was re-administered after 15 days on the same group of muslim minority people of urban and rural parallel to the sample group. Scoring was done on the responses of both the situation and the co-efficient of correlation between two sets of score was calculated. The result indicate the high reliability(0.85) co-efficient for the awareness scale.

Validity:

To estimate the validity of the scale, experts' judgment was taken into account. The sets of statements were presented before the experts for finalization of the scale. According to the experts' judgment the scale was considered as the valid one for the purpose.

Collection of data:

The investigator collected response sheets from different situations. In case of village records door-to-door investigation was made. But in case of data related to Awareness, response sheets were collected and these were scrutinized and evaluated with the help of prefixed norms. Three point rating scale was used to transform qualitative data to

I quantitative scores. After receiving data, these were tabulated according to the objectives | of the study.

Following sets of data were collected by the investigator to satisfy the objectives of the study.

3.Socio-economic Awareness scores of 50 Muslim People (score 25 Male and 25 Female, Urban) 4.Socio-economic Awareness scores of 50 Muslim People (score 25 Male and 25 Female, Rural)

Analysis of the data with interpretation:

In theis stage the Investigator tested the statistical hypothesis with the help of the parametric statistics such as 't- test because it would be more applicable is comparing groupwhether it was of uniform size other wise there might statisfical error. The Invetegator also realized that the sampling design used for data collection does not follow Principle of randomization in scientific manner.

Analysis of Data Pertaining to Ho₁

Table 1 :- t-test for measuring either mean signifivant or in significant on Socio-economic Awareness of the Male and Female People of Muslim community of Malda District.

Variables	Categories	N	Mean	SED	df.	t	Level of Significant
Socio-economic Awareness	Male	25	84	22.98	48	0.17	NS
	Female	25	80				

From the above table we found that the calculated valu oft - 0.17 and the critical table valu oft with 48 df at 0.05 level of significence = 2.01. Here the calculated value is less then the table valu, so if is not significant and the null hypothesis can not be rejected and we said that there is significant mean difference in the measuring of Socieo-economic Awareness between Male and Female People of Muslim community of Malda District.

Analysis of Data Pertaining to Ho₂

Table 2 - t-test for measuring either mean significant or in significant on the measuring of SEA of Urban and RuralPeople of Muslim community of Malda District.

Variables	Strata	N	Mean	SED	df.	t	Level of Significant
Socio-economic Awareness	Urban	50	92	15.32	98	2.08	Sig.
	Rural	50	60				

From the above table we found that the calcluted value of t= 2.08 and the critical value of t with 98 df. at 0.05 level of significence = 1.99. Here the calcuted value is greter then the table value so it is significant and the null hypothesis can not be accepted and we said that there is significant mean diffarence between urban and Rural People of Muslim community of Malda District in the measuring of Socio-economic Awareness.

Finding at a Glance :

Following findings were drawn on the basis of analysis of data to verify the objectives of the study.

i. Result revealed that Muslim people on the study area are Aware of Socio-economic condition as their average Awareness scores exceeded the cutting point score of below and above Awareness
 II. Analysis of data indicates that the Muslim people not properly aware on the four dimension under study.
 III. Incase of Muslim Male and Female groups it was found that the both groups are aware of, Socio-economics Condition but

male and female groups of Rural Area do not have proper Awareness of four dimensions under study.

IV. It was found that there is no significant mean difference in the measuring of Socieo-economic Awareness between Male and Female People of Muslim community of Malda District.

V. It was found that there is significant mean diffarence between Urban and Rural People of Muslim community of Malda District on the measuring of Socio-economic Awareness.

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