



Domestic Violence : A Problem

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ABSTRACT *Women is considered as a wife of fransience but mother of eternity. But the very mother who nourishes an ideal son, is harrassed in new own family. She has been harrassed mentally, physically as well as sexually. There is a well saying in Marathi meaning if a person is beaten by his king or lashed by the rain water he can not ask anybody for justice. The same is the case with a woman. Her harassment starts right from her parents house but it is invisible.*

Introduction

If we find out the reasons behind this harassment the fact is striking. In 21st century a woman and man are considered as two wheels of the same vehicle. But she faces the domestic violence. A series of violence is faced by her even from the womb of mother up to going to husbands house.

There are many laws to protect the women from violence. Still she has been harassed. As per 498 (A) of 1983 it is a punishable offence to torture a woman mentally or physically. But its Scope was limited. Its nature was changed in 2005. In domestic violence there comes a behaviour that causes harm to woman's life, sexual harassment, emotional, economical as well as mental harassment.

Nature of Domestic Violence :-

- (1) Physical Violence :- To cause harm to the life of woman, to assault her, to cause harm to her health, to beat, to poison, to hang, these things come under physical violence.
- (2) Mental Violence :- To humiliate, to tease, to threaten, emotional blackmail, to abuse, to put pressure, to restrict her free living, these things come under mental violence.
- (3) Economical Violence :- To harass a woman for money, to ask her for dowry, to compel her to bring money from her parents, to sell her ornaments, these things come under economical violence.
- (4) Sexual Violence :- To have a sexual intercourse with the consent of wife, unnatural sexual relation, to doubt about her character sexual harassment of a woman other than husband or from a family, these things come under sexual violence.

Domestic violence is seen in many of the families. There are different kinds of these violence in each family. To harass a wife for money physically harass her

if there is no agreement on thinking level. Harassment of a woman by her family members is so severe that sometimes a woman loses her life.

Violence at parents House :- On the one hand there efforts (are being made) for woman empowerment but on the other hand in this male dominated society woman has also been harassed in her parents house. At parents home important decisions are taken by her parent's or her brother. If a woman comes to her parent's home having fed up to the violence by husband, she is humiliated by the members of her parents family. Prenatal sex determination tests are also a type of violence. Practice of such tests is increasing, killing of female foeticide is also increasing.

Violence in Indian Family :- Due to domestic violence many women have to lose their lives Indian everyday 67 women commit suicide. According to national family survey 2005-

06 nearabout 37% married women fall prey to physical and sexual harassment. In Bihar and Rajasthan domestic violence is much. In Maharashtra it is increasing and after every two hours a women in Maharashtra fall prey.

Reasons of Domestic Violence :-

- (1) **Male Dominated Society :-** If we look at history there was no freedom to woman in "Manusmriti" Due to male – dominated society she was totally dependent on man. There were some inhibitions on her such as she must stay at home, she was not allowed to take education, decisions were taken only by men being given secondary position she was harassed in family and society.
- (2) **Prenatal sense – determination Test :-** Son was considered main who takes forward the race. Only the son should be given birth. So prenatal sex determination tests are carried out. If that foetus prove to be a girl child, she is killed in mothers womb. If woman refuses such tests, she is harassed.
- (3) **Traditions in Society :-** Indian society had laid many inhibitions on women. Such as cutting hair, ban on marriage of widows the custom of 'sati'. No woman dared to rebel against it. Though these things changed later on, it had a big effect on the minds of men. So domestic violence is increased.
- (4) **Woman A Tool :-** People look at woman as a tool in their hands. They use her as a raw material for sexual intercourse society also gives foment to this attitude

Review of Literature – Prof. Manik Mane discussed in Bhartiya Samkalin Samajik Samsya (2008) that dowry was main causes behind domestic violence & harassment.

Objective of Study :-

- (1) To know the personal and family background of the respondents.
- (2) To find out the economical and social status.
- (3) To know the reasons behind domestic violence.

Tools of data collection – the study depends on both the primary and secondary data. In research paper used the interview schedule, observation, magazine, documents, survey reports etc.

Sample Size :- In present study the ` of data from different strata of the universe. 154 women who are registered their complaint in counseling center, Amravati city during 2011 to 2012 . 50 problematic women were selected with the help of review of literature.

Conclusion :-

- (1) If we study the age group of women who are victims of this violence it is 25 to 35
- (2) 70% women belong to poor financial status

- (3) It accured that near about 90% women fall prey to domestic violence within the first six months after marriage
- (4) In Joint families there are 70% victimised women and 60% women suffer harassment not from husband but from other family members.
- (5) Those women who don't get support from their parents, suffer much from their in late.
- (6) Those women suffer much whose parents have poor financial condition.
- (7) According to 80% women they have to suffer most from the family members of family.
- (8) According to victimised women the root of the financial harassment is dowry. Many grooms ask money for house, for vehicle etc.
- (9) Many husbands are addicted to drinking.
- (10)The number of husband doubting character of wife, is

less.

- (11) It can also be interfed from the study that many women bear violence just for their children.
- (12) it can also be guessed that society look down upon victimised women.
- (13) 90% victimized women told that society don't help to root out this harassment.

Suggestion :-

- (1) For empowerment of women it is necessary to help financial and to give education.
- (2) It is also needful to make women aware about laws against domestic violence.
- (3) People should help for the rehabilitation of victimised women.

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