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Education is the right of an every individual. It has been recognized in the various national and international treaties as well it has been inserted in the Article 21-A of the Indian constitution that every children should access to education as it is the right of an every child to get free and compulsory Education under the age group of 6-14 years. These entities affirm that education is to be given to promote the value of human rights, it is the aim the Education that it should promote personal development, and should make individual able to contribute to the society, develop understanding, friendship and tolerance. The aim of right to Education is not only to access Education to all but to eradicate all the imbalances related to access to education and to eradicate the discriminative attitude in all the Educational level. In addition there is need for the fulfillment of the Educational, civil, rights related to health and care, rights to related to sexual offences, so that the goal of Education for all (EFA) with quality Education can be achieved. (UNICEF 2010).

### **Statement of the problem**

*“Marginalized children and their Education: A Study of Parental Awareness towards Child’s Rights in Udhampur District”.*

### **Need of the study**

National commission for the protection of the Childs rights create a platform for the protection of the Childs Rights. Along with this every state appoint State Commission for the protection of the Childs rights. The commission protect and ensure the rights of the children but still the children in India depriving their rights in one and another form. Parents can play an important role in the protection of the Childs rights (**Jane & Prkachin 2013**).

Family is the basic institution in society for the survival, protection and development of the child. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure the Rights of their children **(Carolyn L. Scholz 2011)**. Many of studies have been conducted to check the awareness of parents about child rights in the Urban and rural area, all over India. But there is no study in the state of Jammu and Kashmir especially on the deprived section of society in the rural area of District Udhampur. Therefore the researcher has decided to check the awareness of parents from deprived sections of society about child Rights in the Rural area of District Udhampur. The researcher felt need to check the awareness among the parents of deprived section of society, so that researcher would be able to know, the awareness among parents about their child's rights and to identify the problems which mothers and fathers faced to access the Educational Rights and rights related to health and care of their children. The study can be helpful to recommend some suggestions on the basis of the results.

### **Objectives**

5. To study the awareness among parents towards Childs rights.
6. To study the awareness among parents towards Educational child rights of the children.
7. To study the awareness among parents towards Rights related to health and care of children.
8. To identify the problems faced by parents to access the Educational rights and Rights related to health and care.

## **Research Question**

4. Are the parents aware about the Educational rights of the children?
5. Are the parents aware about Rights related to health and care of the children?
6. What are the problems, parents are facing to access the Educational rights and Rights related to health and care of the children?

## **Operational definitions**

- **Marginalized children:** In the present study, children of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes are considered as marginalized children who are living in the rural area of District Udhampur of state Jammu & Kashmir and which area is to be considered as backward rural area of the District.
- **Parents:** In this study the researcher considered the parents of marginalized children having the category of Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes. The researcher considered the parents of children having the age of 6-14 years and whose children are studying in Elementary school i.e. First to Eighth class.
- **Child's Rights:** In this study the researcher considered Educational rights of children and rights related to health and care of the children as child's rights.
- **Awareness:** In this study researcher considered the awareness of Parents towards child's Rights. Awareness here means the understanding attitude of the parents towards child's rights.
- **Favorable responses:** Favorable responses are those responses which are in the favor of the statements putted by researcher while interview

- **Unfavorable responses:** Unfavorable responses are those responses which are not in the favor of statements putted by researcher while interview

### **Delimitation of the study**

5. This study was delimited to the Udhampur District only
6. This study was delimited to Marginalized children of rural area only
7. The study was delimited to the Marginalized parents of the rural area only
8. This study was delimited to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes only

### **Method Used**

- Descriptive method was used by the researcher in the present study.

### **Population & Sampling**

The population of the study was all parents of marginalized children of rural area/backward area of District Udhampur of Jammu and Kashmir. The researcher took the sample from marginalized population which included Schedule caste and Scheduled tribe parents. The researcher considered the parents of Elementary School students as sample. The researcher considered the District Udhampur in which the researcher taken the three villages of rural area as a sample on the basis of purposive sampling. The researcher took the sample of 60. The researcher considered 30 mothers and 30 fathers as sample.

## Tool Used

- Self-made semi-structured interview schedule for parents regarding child rights. The questionnaire consists of thirty one statements. The researcher divided these statements into five dimensions. Three dimensions: Access to School, Discrimination against Children, Roles and Responsibilities are included in Educational rights of the children. Two dimensions: Health of the children and Care of the Children are included in rights related to health and care.
- **Educational Rights of the children:** The researcher has included the three dimensions under Educational Rights. The first dimension is “*Access to School*” in which five statements are taken. The second dimension is “*Discrimination against Children*” in which the researcher has included six statements. The third dimension is “*Roles and Responsibilities of the Parents*” in which the researcher has included six statements.
- **Rights related to health and care:** The researcher has included only two dimensions in Rights Related to health and care. The first dimension is “*Health of the Children*” in which researcher included eight statements to check the awareness towards Health of the children. The second dimension is “*Care of the Children*” in which the researcher has included the seven statements to check the awareness among parents towards Care of the children.

## **Statistical Techniques**

- The researcher has used Simple percentage method to calculate the percentage of responses divided into mothers and fathers. The researcher has used the percentage method to compare the awareness among fathers and mothers regarding child's rights.
- The researcher has made Content Analysis of recorded responses. The researcher has made content analysis on the basis of all the dimensions separately.

## **Scoring procedure**

After interview researcher prepared field notes of the recorded data. The analysis in this study is made by the method using Content analysis.

- Familiarization with the data through review, reading, listening etc.
- Analysis of recorded material
- Identification of themes
- Refinement of themes and categories

The researcher scored the responses by assigning numbers to favorable and unfavorable responses. The researcher assigned number 1 to favorable responses which shows the awareness among parents regarding the rights of their children and assigned number 2 to unfavorable responses which shows no awareness among parents regarding the rights of their children. After assigning numbers the researcher recorded all favorable and unfavorable responses and calculated them on the basis of assigned numbers. After calculation of the favorable and unfavorable responses researcher calculated the percentage of each dimensions. At last researcher calculated composite percentage of favorable and unfavorable responses.

## **Administration**

Firstly the researcher visited the Government Elementary school of that particular villages to identify the children of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and then researcher interacted the parents of these children. After that researcher conducted an interview with the parents including mother and father.

## **Findings of the study:**

### **Findings with respect to Educational Rights**

1. As per the awareness towards “*Access to school*” is concerned it was found that 86.67% of the fathers and 83.87% of mothers gave favorable responses which means they are aware about accessing the children to school. It shows that fathers are more aware about than mothers that how to Access the school to their children. But it has also been found that some percent of fathers and mothers have unfavorable responses which comprises of 13.34% of fathers and 16.13% of mothers.

**Problems Identified (Access to school):** After an in-depth interview with the Parents researcher identified some of the problems, parents (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) are facing for Access to School.

- It was found by conducting interview that poor economic condition of these families can force them to send their children for work on shop, hotel or some factories and other places. Along with this it was found that these parents are not able to afford the extra tuition fee for their children and all of them enroll them their



children in the government schools. It was also found that poor economic condition and illiteracy is the main cause of drop out.

- Some of the parents replied that “it is the boundation and mandatory for us to enroll our children in government school because for admitting the children in good school requires more money which we do not have”.
  - It was found that illiteracy is also the factor responsible for Less Access to Education. Some of them were of the opinion that they cannot teach their wards in the home due illiteracy.
  - Along with this it was found that Village Education committee is not working well. Village Education committee members does not provide appropriate information and do not take serious steps for the Education of the village children.
2. As per the awareness towards “*Discrimination against children*” is concerned ‘it was found that 92.78% of the fathers and 96.12% of mothers have favourable responses which means they are aware about the rights related to discrimination against children. Along with this 7.22% of fathers and 3.88% of mothers have unfavourable responses which means this percentage of fathers and mothers may not aware about the same. It may be concluded that Majority of mothers are aware about the rights related to Discrimination against children.

**Problems Identified (Discrimination against Children):** After an in-depth interview with the parents researcher identified some of the problems, parents (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) are facing for Access to School.

- Although it was found that there is no discrimination in the school on the ground of colour, creed, and caste. But some of parents were of the opinion that there is

discrimination in school in regard to cooking food of mid- day meal. But the parents did not complaint against authorities anymore.

- When the researcher taken into consideration the Education of the handicapped children, researchers come to know that some of them have unfavourable responses for the Education of the handicapped.
  - Along with this it was found that 36.67% of fathers and 16.67% of mothers have unfavourable responses for the involvement of girls in games and sports.
3. As per the awareness towards dimension related to ***“Roles and responsibilities of the parents”*** is concerned it was found that 90. 56% of fathers and 92.23% of mothers have favourable responses to their roles and responsibilities of Educational Rights. But 9.44% of fathers and 7.77% of mothers have opposite responses. It may be concluded that majority of mothers are aware about their roles and responsibilities to protect the Educational rights of their children.

**Problems Identified (Roles and responsibilities of the parents):** After an in-depth interview with the Parents researcher identified some of the problems which the parents (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) are facing for Access to School.

- Although it has been found that majority of the parents are aware about their roles and responsibilities but it was also found that due poor economic condition they cannot fulfil all the needed requirements.
- Most of the Scheduled Castes parents (only fathers) use alcohol at least thrice a week and no use of alcohol was found in the Scheduled tribes.

- Along with this it was found that 16.67% of the mothers and 6.67 % of fathers have unfavourable response regarding participation of children in the extra-curricular activities. And it was also found that there is no quality Education.

### **Findings with respect to Rights related to health and care:**

1. As per the awareness of parents towards "*Health of the children*", it was found that 82.084% of the fathers and 81.67 of mothers have favourable responses towards the health of their children which shows their awareness about the good health of their children. Along with this 17.92% of the fathers and 18.33% of the mothers have unfavourable responses which may indicate the less awareness of parents towards the Health of the children.

**Problems identified (Health of the Children):** After an in-depth interview with the Parents researcher identified some of the problems, parents (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) are facing for Access to School.

- It was found that 33.34% and 23.34% of the mothers replied that there is no need of bathroom in the school. They have unfavourable responses having toilets in the school.
- It was found that majority of parents are aware about the diet of the children but sometimes due to poor economic condition they cannot afford all the food requirements.
- Along with this it was found that 10% of the fathers and 23. 34% of mothers have unfavourable responses regarding the marriage of their children. They were of the

opinion that girls should marry as early as possible because it will help to maintain prestige in society and will reduce the burden of parents.

2. As per the awareness of parents towards "*Care of the children*", is concerned it was found that 74.77% of the fathers and 91.81 of mothers have favourable responses towards the care of their children which shows their awareness how to take care of their children. Along with this 25.23% of the fathers and 8.19% of the mothers have unfavourable responses which may indicate the less awareness of parents towards care the children.

**Problems Identified (Care of the Children):** After an in-depth interview with the Parents researcher identified some of the problems, parents (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) are facing for Access to School.

- Although majority of the parents are aware of taking care of their children, but as per the take care of pregnant women is concerned it was found that due to poor economic condition they cannot afford all the things needed during pregnancy.
- Along with this it was found that 16.37% of fathers and 33.33of mothers replied that children should do work of their home. It was also found that nobody is aware about any organization working for protection of Childs Rights.

## **Educational Implications**

### **Educational Implications for parents**

- ❖ It will be easy to say that family is the first institution in the society which can protect the rights of the children. As we can say that the civil rights of the Childs starts from family. Parents are the first protector of the rights of their children. It is

the responsibility of the parents be aware about the rights of their children. They should try to approach the different agencies and organizations working for the protection of the Childs rights.

- ❖ As it has been found in the study that there are some parents who are not aware about the Educational rights of their children. These needs to be made aware by other parents and they should encouraged by others parents of the locality so that they can understand the importance of Education of their children. Parents needs to ensure the attendance of the children in the school. Parents needs to access other facilities provided by the government to the school of Marginalized and rural areas. There are also some scholarship facilities for the children, parents' need to get aware about it.

### **Educational Implications for Local Government**

- ❖ Local government or panchayat can play an important role in the protection of the rights of the children of their particular area or boundary. It is the responsibility of the local government to protect their children. Local government should ensure the Education and health of their children. On the basis of the study it has been found that local government does not take active participation in the Education and health facilities of the children of their panchayat
- ❖ On the basis of the study it has been found that parents of the scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes in some area do not allowed to check the food of the Mid- Day-Meal. And it is the responsibility of the local government to check over it, there should not be any type of discrimination on the basis of caste in the school. Equal opportunities should be given to all without any discrimination.

- ❖ It is the implication for the local self-government to make aware the local people about the importance of Education, health and other services. Awareness campaign and awareness programmes can be the best option to get them aware about the Educational and rights related to health and care of their children.

### **Educational Implications for state and central government**

- ❖ Government can play a very significant role in the protection of the child's rights. Central government needs to advice the state government to ensure the rights of the children. As UNICEF organizes various programmes and cooperates with both donor governments and governments in the developing world. Government of India needs to collaborate with UNICEF to deal the child's rights issues.
- ❖ There is a need of participation of marginalized population in the mainstreaming so that the marginalized people can understand the basic necessities of their child. There should not be any discrimination in the school on the basis of caste. Government should ensure the equal rights of all children. As there are commissions such as State commission for the Protection of Child Rights, National commission for the protection of child's rights should consider the rights of children's of remote, far-flung and rural areas where there is lees accessibility of Education and health facilities.
- ❖ Government should collaborate with UNICEF-assisted programmes which seeks to ensure the social and economic rights of children by delivering essential services such as health and education and improving access to good nutrition and to care. There is a need of establishing Childs protection cell in

each district which works at ground level. Government should organize awareness camps and campaigns to aware the parents and other members of the village about the importance of Education and protection of children from other violence.

- ❖ Government should made available proper health facilities so that the children could not deprive from good health.

### **Educational Implications for school:**

- ❖ School is the second home of the children, where they mould their behavior and life towards positive achievements. For the protection of the child's rights, teacher's needs to adopt human rights based approach in teaching so that children can realize their rights.
- ❖ Teacher should adopt democratic methods of teaching. It is the responsibility of the school to involve the parents in various school programmes. Proper teacher-parents meeting needs to be organize to share the problems of their children.
- ❖ There should be proper health and sanitation facilities in the school.

## **Suggestions for Further Researches**

Any research cannot be complete itself and it is very difficult to include all the aspects. There may remain certain gaps which can be improved by conducting further researches in the area. So the suggestions for further researches in this direction cannot be kept out of place here. Following suggestions can be considered for further researches.

7. Others areas of research like Discrimination against Children, protection of children from sexual offences, protection of children from domestic violence, physical and mental threats to children can be considered in the further research.
8. Child labour and rights of children can be considered in the further researches.
9. The present study was confined to Udhampur District of state Jammu and Kashmir only. So other districts of the state can be considered in further Research.
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11. In this study researcher included only the rights of Scheduled castes and Schedule Tribe children. Further other groups of marginalization can be considered in the study.
12. In this study researcher considered the Awareness of parents only. In further studies other stakeholders such as: Teachers, Government officials, Elected and selected members of the panchayats can be considered.



## Proposed model (HER) for Health and Educational Rights of Children

PROPOSED MODEL (HER MODEL) FOR HEALTH, CARE AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF CHILDREN				
PARENTS	LOCAL GOVT.	SOCIETY	SCHOOL	STATE & CENTRAL GOVT.
Know the Childs rights	Ensure Education and Health of the children	Attitudinal change regarding girls child marriage	Human rights based approach in teaching	Special Provisions for Marginalized Children
Approach the Authorities	Ensure equality without Discrimination in schools	Attitudinal change regarding participation of girls in Games & sports	Involvement of parents in various school programmes	Awareness campaign in rural area
Knowledge about commissions	Aware Local People		Health and Sanitation facilities in the school	Healthy food and Nutrition (Direct to Home)
Say "No" to Alcoholism	Literate the illiterates			Appointing committees at grassroots level to ensure protection of children
				Financial Assistance to poor families

## **Conclusion**

The study was conducted to know the awareness among parents of marginalized children regarding the Educational rights and rights related to health and care in the district of Udhampur of Jammu and Kashmir. In this study the researcher considered the awareness among Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled castes parents of rural area of District Udhampur. While considering the Educational rights of the children, the researcher found after analysis and interpretation of the data that that parents are very much aware about Education of their children. They make every effort to access Educational facilities to their children. As per the access to school is concerned it has been found that majority of the fathers and mothers gave favourable responses which means they are aware about accessing the children to school but the poor economic condition of these families can force them to send their children for work on shop, hotel or some factories and other places. Along with this parents are not able to afford the extra tuition fee for their children and all of them enroll them their children in the government schools. It can be concluded here that poor economic condition and illiteracy parents is the root could be the root cause for the access of Education and access to school of their children. As per the awareness of parents regarding Discrimination and awareness towards their roles and responsibilities is concerned, majority of the fathers and mothers have favourable responses because they are aware about the Educational rights of their children. It is very easy to say that there is no discrimination in the school on the ground of colour, creed, and caste. But somewhere there is discrimination in school in regard to cooking of food of mid- day meal, the authorities of the school do not allow the lower castes people to cook the food. While considering this issue it can be suggested here that local government should take initiative by referring the

issues to higher authorities so that the problem of discrimination can be solved. There is need of developing positive attitude of parents towards the education of the girls and children with special needs. Parents play a vital role in accessing the rights related to health and care of the children. It can be concluded here in the study that most of the fathers and mothers are aware about the health of their children and they take care of their children as much as possible. After the discussion with the parents it was found that some of the mothers and fathers have unfavourable responses for having the toilets in the school along with this they have negative attitude towards marriage of the girls. For making them aware and developing positive attitude about appropriate age of marriage of their children, various awareness camp should be organized. Accessing appropriate food is the basic right of every children but sometimes due to poor economic condition they cannot afford all the food requirements. As per the take care of pregnant women is concerned poor economic condition and inaccessibility of the resources is again the big hurdle to afford all the things needed during pregnancy. Above all it can clearly be define that all the problems identified by the researcher may be solved by involving all the stakeholders directly or indirectly associated with the life of the children and by taking into account the proposed model of the research.