

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS AMONG THE SLUM DWELLERS IN DELHI

Perpetual inflow of rural population to the most modern urban centers for searching jobs is one of the main factors which has hindered elimination of the menace of slums in all countries of the world irrespective of developed, developing and under developed. Shortage of all basic amenities in the cities persists, as no country is able to provide adequate facilities to meet the increasing demand due to high pace of urbanization. Slums have been there in the past; they still exist; and they will continue to exist in the forthcoming years till the present flow of people from the rural area continues to cause over crowding the population and congestion in the urban centers. The ultimate result has been that more than half of the population of under developed countries in the continents of Asia, Africa and Latin America have either been stayed in public places like street roads, adjacent to government buildings and government properties or is living in group form in overcrowded dwelling units cause great damage to health and human dignity.

The study of human rights awareness among the slum people in Delhi is an important aspect towards understanding human right status of economically weaker sections of India. There is a need to establish contacts with central and state governments and human rights organizations and various non-voluntary organizations in India and foreign countries for providing immediate disposal of cases and remedial solutions of violations found in the economically weaker sections of the society. Therefore, the study of the human rights awareness among the slum dwellers in Delhi is needful and very important to correct the protection of human rights among the weaker sections and if some lacking issues exist. The thesis has been divided into seven chapters. Chapter-I explains the origin and creation, definition, character, theories of slums. It gives an idea about the urban problems due to slums, slums in Delhi, policies for removing the existing bottlenecks due to slum, the awareness of human right and protection of human rights among the slum dwellers, the importance and objectives of the study, data collection and methodology used, etc. Chapter-II narrates the

slums in Delhi, historical conditions, demographic conditions in Delhi especially the growth of slums in Delhi during the last half centuries, the facilities provided by the local bodies and governments in slum areas of Delhi, policy for the development of slums, etc,. Chapter-III covers the available facilities including basic requirements of housing, drinking water, toilet facilities, sewerage system, drainage system, health and education facilities. An attempt have been made to explain absence of the required level of infrastructure in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, and the satisfaction level of various facilities enjoyed by the slum people in Delhi. Chapter-IV tries to explains the violation of human rights especially economically weaker sections of the society and urban poor living in slum areas. In addition this chapter narrates the various policies and programmes initiated by the United Nations, Government of India and the protective measures initiated by the judicial systems in India and the incorporation of various aspects of human rights in the Indian Constitution. Chapter-V attempts analyzes various improvement programmes initiated by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi through Slum and Jhuggie and Jhomparie Department for providing necessary basic infrastructure to the slum people in Delhi. The main thrust areas covered under the study concentrates the environment; health and other sic facilities in the slums. Chapter-VI mentions some social and economic problems of the selected sample households in the Delhi and the awareness of human right issues among the slum people and three case studies which covers the full details of the socio economic conditions of them and the awareness of them in human rights issues and the various hurdles faced by them for existence of live in Delhi. In addition the study concentrates the human rights awareness among the slum people in Delhi including Article-wise classification. In the end, a number of suggestions have been given for improvement of the human rights conditions of slum dwellers in Delhi.