DOWRY SYSTEM AND IT'S IMPACT IN MADHESHI COMMUNITY: (A Sociological Study of Ayodhayanagar Village of Dhangadhimai Municipality)

By

Radhe Shyam Mahato Exam Symbol No.: 4350011/2071 Second Year Regular T.U. Regd. No.: 7-2-14-1493-2000

A Thesis

Submitted to Sociology Department in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Master's Degree in Sociology

> R.R.T.J.M. Campus Asanpur Faculty of Humanities and social science Department of Sociology Golbazar, Siraha 2018

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge. This thesis is of my original and no part of it was a earlier submitted for candidature of research degree to any university college or educational institution. The subject matter presented in this report is the result my own work except cited in references.

RadheShyamMahato

.....

M.A.2nd Year R.R.T.J.M.Campus Asanpur, Golbazar

075/076

RECOMMENDATION

This dissertation work entitled "**Dowry System and it's Impact in Madheshi Community**: A Sociological Study of Ayodhayanagar Village of Dhangadhimai Municipality", by **Mr. RadheShyamMahato**is prepared under my supervision for the partial fulfillment of the requirement for the degree of master of humanities in Sociology. To the best of my knowledge, the study is original and carries useful information about Dowry System and its Impact in MadheshiCommunity . Therefore, I recommended this thesis for final evaluation.

Date: -----

.....

Mr. IshwarShyangwa

Supervisor

Department of Sociology,

R.R.T.J.M. Campus

Asanpur, Golbazar, Siraha

त्रिभुवनविश्वविधालयबाट सम्बन्धनप्राप्त TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY Shree RampratapRamprasadTamangJanta Multiple Campus असनपुर-६ गोलबजार (सिरहा) Asanpur-6 Golbazar (Siraha)

स्थापित: २०४९ ०३

०३३४४००१३

Ref. No. :-075/076

Date :-

APPROVAL SHEET

This thesis entitled **"Dowry System and it's Impact in Madheshi Community**: A Sociological Study of Ayodhayanagar Village of Dhangadhimai Municipality" submitted by Mr. RadheShyamMahato in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Master's Degree in Sociology has been approved.

Thesis Evaluation Committee:

Signature

1. Mr. Kishor Kumar Sah

Campus Chief

2. Mr. IshwarShyangwa-----

Supervisor

3. Dr. Shushil Kumar Yadav

Reader-----

External

Date -----

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to express my heartiest and gratitude and sincerity to my supervisor Mr. IshwarShyangwa, Lecturer in Department of Sociology, of R.R.T.J.M. Campus Asanpur, Golbazarfor his kind supervision, encouragement and providing me such a golden opportunity to carry out the dissertation work under his guidance. I shall remain indebted for their continuous guidance, valuable direction, useful suggestions, comments, reassurance and inspiration at all time have boon of immense value without which this work would not have accomplished. Also, my sincere gratitude goes to our campus chief, Mr. Kishor Kumar Sah for providing me an opportunity to conduct study on this topic.

Similarly, I express my sincere gratitude to all the teachers of Department of Sociology, R.R.T.J.M. Campus AsanpurGolbazar, Siraha for their continuous encouragement in various steps of this study.

Likewise, I express my profound thanks to my parents whose moral support and inspiration contributed greatly to the successful completion of my study.

I'm very thankful to all the respondents of Dhangadhimai-8 Municipality of Siraha district who provided their valuable time in sitting for interview with me.

I would like to thank Mr. JulumYadav who not only reviewed my dissertation from top to bottom, but gave me valuable feedback and insight which were very constructive for my dissertation.

RadheShyamMahato

2018

ABSTRACT

This study **Dowry System and it's Impact in Madheshi Community: A Sociological Study of Ayodhayanagar Village of Dhangadhimai Municipality**is done on the basis of primary sources of data. The objectives of this study wereto examine the cause and effects of spreading dowry system in Madheshi community of married women and men in terms of their age, education, family background and caste/ethnicity. To explore the impact of dowry system in the study area.

The researcher had used exploratory and descriptive research design which has attempted to discover dowry system and it's impact in Madheshi community. The information was collected through interview, observation and case study. The data were presented in table. Summary, finding, conclusion and recommendation are made according to findings of the study.

Dowry system is a burning problem in the South Asian countries. In Nepal, dowry system is more prevalent in the Terai region of the border side of India. Today, we are in the 21st century. The advancements in new technology have brought a remarkable change into the life of people. Unfortunately, Nepalese men and women have compelled to face many problems related to dowry. Almost all respondents have supported that amount, material (household utensils, valuable things etc.) are the forms of dowry system and both taking and giving materials and amounts are types of dowry system. "Education and occupations" are the prime determinants of dowry. Along with it both giver and taker groups are main perpetrator for spread of dowry system. Moreover, household utensils are given or taken compulsorily as dowry. The guardian of brides has fulfilled that dowry by "Taking loan" as well as from "Self income". It is found that the main reason behind taking or giving dowry is "Influence of others culture".

The major impacts behind the spread of dowry system are the "Psychological factor" and the "Influence by the other's culture". The people in the study area have the psychological ideology that they should provide dowry to their daughter, no matter how less the sum amount is, during marriage for respect and to spend happy life in her in-law's house.

CONTENTS

DECLARATION	i
RECOMMENDATON APPROVAL SHEET	ii iii
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ABSTRACT	iv v
TABLE OF CONTENTS	vi
LIST OF TABLE	ix

CHAPTER-ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1Background of the Study	1	
1.2Statement of the Problem	3	
1.3Objective of the Study	4	
1.4 Significance of the Study	4	
1.5Limitation of the Study	5	
1.6Organization of the Study	6	

CHAPTER-TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1Theoretical Framework of the Study	7	
2.2 Law against Dowry System	8	
2.3 Review of the Previous Studies	9	
2.4 Conceptual Framework of the Study	12	

CHAPTER-THREE

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design	14	
3.2Selection of the Study area	14	
3.3 Sources and Nature of Data	15	
3.4 Methods of Data Collection	15	
3.4.1 Interview	15	

3.4.2Observation	16
3.4.3Case Study	16
3.4.4 Sampling Procedure and Sample Size	16
3.5 Data Analysis	17
CHAPTER-FOUR	
PHYSICAL SETTING OF THE STUDY AREA	
4.1 Age and Sex Composition of the Respondent	19
4.2 Caste /Ethnic Composition of the Respondent	20
4.3Educational Status of the Respondent	21
4.4 Household Size	22
4.5 Housing Condition	23
4.6 Occupational Status	24
4.7 Composition of Marital Status	25
4.8 Age at Marriage by Sex	26
CHAPTER-FIVE	
ANALYSIS OF DATA	
5.1 Knowledge about Dowry System	27
	-

S. This wedge used Dowry System	21
5.2 Origin of The Dowry System	27
5.3 Forms and Types of Dowry System	28
5.4 Factors Encouraging Dowry	28
5.5 Way of Fulfilling Dowry Demand	31
5.6 Determinants of Dowry Demand	31
5.7 Causes and Consequences of Dowry System	32
5.7.1 Reasons for Taking or Giving Dowry	32
5.8 Impact of Dowry System	33
5.9 Drawbacks of Dowry System	35
5.10Practice of dowry system by Giving or Taking Dowry	36
5.11Practice of Dowry by Demand or Wish	36
5.12Dowry Fulfilled	38
5.13 Forms of Dowry (Materials and Cash as Dowry)	39
5.14Satisfaction of Dowry System	40

5.15 Opinion of the Respondents about the Role of NGOs/INGOs	
To Stop Dowry System	41
5.16 Opinion that Best Way of Avoiding Dowry System	41

CHAPTER-SIX

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Summary	43
6.2 Conclusions	46
6.3 Recommendation for the Further Area of Study	47
References	48
Appendices	51

List of Tables

Table No. 1: Age and Sex Composition of the Respondents	20
Table No. 2: Distribution of the Respondent by Caste/Ethnicity	21
Table No. 3: Educational Status of the Respondent	22
Table No. 4: Representation of Household Size	23
Table No. 5: Structure of the Houses	24
Table No. 6: Occupation of the Respondents	25
Table No. 7: Marrital Status of the Respondent	26
Table No.8: Age at Marriage by Sex	27
Table No. 9: Way of Fulfilling Dowry Demand	31
Table No. 10: Determinants of Dowry Demand	32
Table No. 11: Reasons for Taking or Giving Dowry	33
Table No. 12: Impact of Dowry System	35
Table No. 13: Distribution of Respondent's Opinion in Drawbacks	
of Dowry System	36
Table No. 14: Respondent's Experience of Give or Take Dowry	37
Table No. 15: Distribution of Respondent's Practice of Dowry	
by Demand or Wish	38
Table No. 16: Distribution of Practice of Dowry Fulfilled According	
to Respondents	39
Table No. 17: Forms of Dowry	40
Table No. 18: Distribution of Respondents that has Given or Taken	
Cash as a Dowry	40
Table No. 19: Distribution of Respondents Satisfaction of Dowry System	41
Table No. 20: Best Way of Avoiding Dowry System	42