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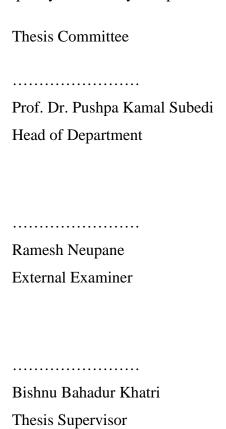
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ABSTRACT

Nepal is one of the poorest countries of the world. According to the national statistics, 24 percent people are below absolute poverty line. Development programs implemented by governmental and non-governmental agencies could not reach where the backward and poor people live. Tatmas or Dalits living in Tarai region of Nepal are categorized as untouchable according to the Hindu caste system.

Tatma people belong to one of the poorest and backward caste in Nepal. Attempt has made to study their present socio-economic condition, cultural and demographic conditions and the present situation of their traditional occupation. In the present paper both primary and secondary sources of data have been used. For Rural Municipality Aurahi ward number 4 and 5 named Itatar and Aurahi have been selected purposively based on the relative representation of the dalits.

Altogether 20 Tatma households were selected randomly. In terms of food sufficiency 90% of the Tatma community of the study site has got chronic shortage of food throughout the year. The Terai Dalit women are the least educated group, but culturally they are more free, open and receptive group than the high caste Hindu women of the Terai. Women are more sufferers than males within the Tatma community, their social and economic status is much lower to that of males. The population of Dalits as a whole stands at 2,675,817 which constitute 11.6 percent of the country's total. Of the total Dalit population the population of Terai Dalits is only 886,839 or 35.4 percent. Tatma is relatively a small group among the Terai Dalits.

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ACRONYMS

AMDP Annul Municipality Development Plan

B.S BikramSambat

CBS Central Bureau of Statistics

COs District Development Committee

DDC District Development Committee

FGD Focus Group Discussion

GOs Government Offices

HHs Households

INGOs International Non-Governmental Organization

Km Kilo Meter

NGOs Non-Governmental Organization

No Number

NPHC National Population and Housing Census

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RM Rural Municipality

S.N. Serial Number

Sq. Square

UN United Nation