
Awareness In Women About Their Political Rights In Samchana Village, Rohtak District (Haryana)

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ABSTRACT

The main aim of the present study was to check the awareness in women about their political rights in rural areas .India is mainly a classic example of man dominating society where women were denied of education and political participation .Man had the sole control over political institutions .But after independence government took number of steps to upheld the situation of women . Tools for Data collection from village women in the present study were ‘primary’ sources and ‘secondary’ sources were used for constitutional and theoretical explanations . Researcher collected 25 samples from the village .The investigator used simple random technique for selecting the sample size . Descriptive design of the study will be used to describe the data. The collected data were analyzed with the help of descriptive and simple percentage.

KEYWORD :-

Political rights , Gram panchayat , Political participation , Constitutional amendment

INTRODUCTION

The political awareness is a very broad concept in political science sphere . Political awareness means access to political information , political participation ,interest in political happenings and education with political information . According to Robert C . luskin political awareness is a function of three elements . They are : -

(I Level of exposure to political information

(ii) Intellectual ability to retain and organize the

encountered information (iii) Motivation to obtain and comprehend the political information .^{iv} Delli Carpini and Keeter (1996) define political awareness as “ the range of factual information about politics that is stored in long term memory “. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The success of democratic government system is depend upon the vigilant citizen , they must have minimum understanding of the political system . The higher level of political awareness ,the higher would be the level of participation in political activities . Political awareness is important for making the right choice in election . It also play a crucial role in rising the voice against inequality . Mass media is the main source of information in far flung areas . It helps women to know their rights and to upheld their position in society . Political awareness helps women to break the chains of conservative customs created by men dominating society.

Constitutional provision :-

On 26 th Jan , 1950 the Indian constitution came into force . It gives political right to all the indian citizen without any discrimination on the ground of sex , caste , race etc. But the participation of woman was remain very low , it was mainly due to the lack of awareness and education . The participation of women in rural areas was even more low . Government took many steps to motivate women to participate in political activity . Free and compulsory primary education is now a constitutional right of every child .ⁱⁱⁱ Haryana state government gives free education to girls up to the graduation level . By 73rd amendment in Indian constitution government reserve one third of total seats for woman candidate .^v All these steps taken by government and the rise of information revolution helps women to understand their rights .

Methodology :-

Research methodology refers to how entire process of research has been designed and how it conducted . In this study following methodological steps has been adopted

Statement of the problem :-

The study entitled ‘AWARENESS IN WOMEN ABOUT THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS IN SAMCHANA VILLAGE ,ROHTAK DISTRICT ‘ is an attempt to understand the awareness of politics in rural areas at present .

Objectives :-

The main objective of the study is to find out the political awareness in rural areas . The specific objectives are given below :-

1. To know the level of awareness in women about political institution and activities
2. To find out the participation of women in Gram panchayat .
3. To know how the society support women in participation

Sampling :-

Sample of 25 women from all the social and economic group of village has been taken to collect data

Finding of research :-

1. During the study near about 55 percent women were found aware of basic political terms like; democracy , election

political parties .

2. The head of the village called *SURPANCH* is a woman and she won the election against a male contestant
3. 72 percent women use their ‘ right to vote ‘ in various election

Conclusion : -

The study shows that the awareness among women is increased but there is still wide scope of information remained untouched . Women shows more interest in voting rather than contesting for election and to perform any political responsibility . But this study have some positive findings also as the head of the village is a woman and it will motivate other women of village . The male member of the village has very mixed attitude toward the increasing participation of women . Further , education plays a very vital role in awareness among women but there is still a need of more effective method to be used to give these women more information .

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