A Study of the Plight of Deprived Children with Special Reference to Kurhani Block of Muzaffarpur District

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Abstract

In the backward and scheduled caste families, most of the children are deprived of education of Kurhani, Muzaffarpur. If admitted, they are drop outs after a year or two. Mostly their guardians are illiterate and they do not consider any utility of education. Muzaffarpur district in general and Kurhani block in particular deserves special attention to remove poverty, illiteracy diseases and ignorance.

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After caste factor, second important factor to determine the status of child in society is economic. Mostly children of affluent family are properly dressed. They go to school regularly. Most of them are admitted in public schools, paying high tuition charges.

Especially the girl child labour and girl domestic servants are used for immoral traffics sexualexploitation and prostitution. These child domestic servants are at the disposal of their masters for 24 hours. They work for 18 to 20 hours with 7 days a week, no leave, no service condition, they are slaved, beaten, burnt; always tolerate abusive vulgar language and other hard labour sorts of punishment, most of the children in India are malnourished, half-fed, ill-clothed school drop-outs and destined to live a life of servitude. In this way, the status of women and child in the society in general is weak and lower.

Kurhani Block in whose reference the impact of integrated child Development Services Scheme has been studied in the present paper is one of the following 16 blocks of Muzaffarpur district.

Table-1

1. Musahari	2. Minapur	3. Bochahan	4. Aurai	5. Katara
6. Gaighat	7. Moraul	8. Sakara	9. Kurhani	10. Kanti
11. Saraiya	12. Paroo	13. Sahwbganj	14. Baruraj	15. Mudwan
16. Bandara.				

The total population of Kurhani block is 3,22,137 of which male population is 1,62,134 and that of female is 1,60,003. The number of people living in the rural area is 3,22,137. It means there is no town area in the block. The entire block is ruralized. The total number of village is 166 in which 162 are inhabitant village. There is a wide range of variation in the distribution of population Musahari with 14.4% of the population of the district occupies the first place, probably because Muzaffarpur town, the district headquarter is located in this very block. It is followed by Kurthani with 9.04% of population of the district.

The decadal percentage increase in the population of Kurhani block is 23.82% which means per annum increase 2.38% which is above the average at State level and national level. Kurhani Block stands fourth in the decadal increase in population. The first position is of Musahari (40.35%) the second Baruraj (24.19%), Sakara (24.19%) and Kurahani fourth (23.82%)

Following Table shows the distribution of village by population ranges in Kurhani block.

Table- 1.1

Range of Population	% of villages in each range
1 - 200	8.83
200 - 499	22.04
500 - 1999	54.08
2000 - 4999	13.01
5000 - 9999	2.02
1000 and above	.52

It is evident from the table that mostly the villages in the block are medium and small sized as the maximum number of villages in the block lie in the population range of 500 – 499 and 200 – 499 accounting for 52.08 and 22.04 per cent of the total number of inhabited villages respectively in the block. Medium and small sized villages in the block only one village his population above

10000 = 00. The average population size of an inhabited village in the block is 1253 which is higher against the state averages of 906. The density of population is defined as number of persons per square kilometer. It indicates the extent of crowding in a particular area. The distribution of villages in Kurhani block by their density is given in following table. 02

Table – 02

Distribution of villages by density

Range of Density (Per sq. km.)	percentage of villages in each density range
1 – 10	.17
11 – 20	.17
21 – 50	.52
51 – 100	.98
101 – 200	2.49
201 – 300	3.36
301 – 500	10.95
501 +	75.01

Table – 2.2

Proportion of Scheduled Caste population to total population in the villages

% range of Scheduled Caste Population to total population	Percentage of villages in each range
Nil	11.80
5 or less	9.43
6-10	16.14
11-15	18.97
16-20	12.32
21-30	17.23
31 and above	14.11

In Kurhani block the percentage of Scheduled Caste population to total population is 17.78 and of Scheduled Tribe is .03. The percentages of literate persons to total population are 22.42% in which the percentage of literacy among male population is 33.01 and among female is 10.62%. The percentage of main workers is 26.41 in which the percentage of male workers to total workers is 48.45 whereas of female 4.22 only.

Conclusion:

Consequently Muzaffarpur district in general and Kurhani block in particular deserves special attention to remove poverty, illiteracy diseases and ignorance.

Muzaffarpur district is one of 100 most backward districts of India as defined planning Commission. By all paradigms of development Kurhani Block is the true representative of Muzaffarpur district in respect of backwardness and poverty.

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