

Case Analysis About Caste

In Hindu society, caste system has existed for a long time, and Dalit is the lowest level in caste. Hindu society used “untouchable” to describe Dalits. “There are more than 165 million people in India who are classified as Dalits. Approximately 25 million more have technically lost their Dalit status through conversion to another religion, but continue to experience marginalization and discrimination”(Sarkin). The discrimination that Dalit has suffered was more and more serious. Actually, the discrimination is not only faced by Dalit.

The problem is between the lower caste groups and higher caste groups. They receive different service, different job opportunity, and different education. Etc. How to solve this problem is the question that Hindu faced. And Hindu government has given some measures to protect Dalit or lower caste people, but the truth is “many Dalits are unaware of their rights and whatever assistance is available to them” (This is from the information list, but I did not find the writer’s name).

In this case, I think the stakeholders can be the government, the lower caste groups and the higher caste groups. The lower caste group is more focus on Dalits. Firstly, the government wanted to change the caste system in Hindu society because the shortages of this system are increasingly serious. If a Dalit killed by a higher caste people, they may only be imposed a fine. The discrimination needs to be decreased so that Hindu government will manage the society more effectively and easily. The group that has the same position is the lower caste people. They may do not care about politics, but they care about themselves. They do not want to be discriminated

and suffered terrible conditions of living. They want to be equal with others who stand at a higher spot. The last stakeholder is higher caste people who may want to protect their privilege in politics, economy, and education, but people cannot say all of them wanted this consequence because there are some of them wanted to create equality in Hindu. This kind of people is sensible and far-sighted people. They know what is the trend of this world and they realize that it will bring much benefit to Hindu.

Our group has made a proposal to reduce the discrimination in Hindu society. Suppose we are government, we wanted to encourage people to marriage with people who do not come from the same caste. We can make a law to protect this kind of intercaste marriage so that people will have a legal basis. Nevertheless, this is not our important point to change the caste system. Our point of this measure is when the marriage, between two different cast people, create a new generation, we provide that the children are belonging to the higher caste of their parents, whatever the people is their mother or father (I will explain this later). During our discussion, we found that the benefits like give subsidies will also bring some “purposeful marriage” such as marriage for the money. Therefore, in our measure, we will not give any materially reward for the two people who married each other, but for the next generation, we will bring some gain for them. I am absolutely stay with my group. And I want to give two specific methods. We can drop the threshold of higher education for those children and giving some tuition-waves so that they can get a better education, and the Hindu society will get a higher national education level because more people will get the chance to receive a better education. This step also can promote the equality in

education to help reduce the gap between higher caste people and lower caste people.

Another method I want to mention is about job opportunity, we give some quota of job for those children, I will not reserve the highest position job like a administrator of a company or government sector for them, because I want they have the power of moving ahead. If I reserve the top job for them, they may take things as they are. The reason that I talked about education and job is because I believe these are the most essential parts of helping to change the caste system and improve Hindu society.

Our group has thought about the feasibility of the measure we bring up. Our answer is YES. First important reason is that this is not a short time step. This is a long term so that this measure is not a drastic action, and will be accepted easily. When the new generation is born, they automatically belonging to the higher caste of their parents. It will cause that every intercaste marriage family will increase a relatively higher caste member and decrease a relatively lower caste member. It was hard to change the caste of people who married with different caste people because they already belong to a caste. We do not want to touch some sensitive nerves of the public. What are we trying to do is using the lowest negative affect to bring a huge positive change in Hindu. As I said, it will take a long time, and the effect will appear after more than three or four generations, but it is effective because as long as there are marriage between two different caste people, the society is going to a more relative equality situation. Let's take a look at the perfect result which is impossible right now: every individual in Hindu society is belonging to a same caste which is the highest caste. So everyone is equal in theory, but in fact there is no absolute equal, we

only eliminate the inequality factors that caused by caste.

In my view, I believe this measure can be accepted because the majority of Hindu society is lower caste people. Every society form is a downward pointing triangle. The highest people are minority, and the lowest people are majority. However, it is undoubted that the minority in Hindu grasps more power. Take a look at the world, majority wish should be the society wish, and the government is serving for majority. If the government wants to apply the measure of intercaste marriage, they must get the majority supporting who were lower caste people so that they can confront the against part of higher caste.

Through this case, I realize that caste system was rootedness in Hindu society, and that is why we choose a flat solution. And people in lower caste are used to yield to higher caste people. Even if they are the majority, they still listen to the minority, and they have not thought about changing their position in Hindu society because that is what "Caste" is. This is a huge negative influence that caused by the caste system. Countless people are under a power that comes from the higher caste. Superficially, they are obedient, but it does not mean they do not have the grievance. It will cause the Hindu society instability. Throughout history, the revolution was always headed by the people who were suffered much oppress. Hindu society should recognize how does this problem acutely.

I hope our measure can be effective, and Hindu society can be more equal. There should be less discrimination in this world. Today's world is an equality world, if every people keep this in mind, I believe there will be a better tomorrow.