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Defender of Indian Women: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

● Praveen Ghodeswar

In India we had many saviors of women but there was only one defender named Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Once in a letter written to Kamabai (his wife), he wrote, "...I am combatant to fight for advancement and liberation of women". This is very much true. None had ever fought for women's rights as did Dr. Ambedkar. All Indian women should feel obliged for his priceless contribution to them. In just 65 years life span he did tremendous work in the social, economical, political and religious fronts. His prowess had a touch of compassion. The shudras and women are victim of Indian caste system and have gone through intense injustice and discrimination. Dr. Ambedkar gave birth to Social Revolution in this country without shedding a drop of blood. It is second revolution after Lord Buddha. Several inequalities exist in the Hindu society. Inequality between man and woman is one of them. Indian women were the victim of the male dominance that still continues. 'Law' and 'Movement' were the weapons he used effectively to eliminate the injustice being done to women. The Hindu Code Bill was the outcome of his intellectual endeavor in this context. The rationale behind creating The Hindu Code Bill was to establish gender equality in Indian society. He also wanted changes in old laws and make it women oriented to have equality between men and women.

Dr. Ambedkar, the then Law Minister explained his views on Hindu Code Bill, thus: "its ridicules to pass laws related to economical problems without removing disparity among different sections of society as well gender inequality. It is like building palace on heap of dung. That is why I value Hindu Code Bill". Dr. Ambedkar shared his thoughts during the general discussion on draft of Hindu Code Bill. He had a strong will and extended exceptional weighage to get the Bill passed in the House. He felt it was an effective instrument to eradicate discrimination against the women and make them empowered. It was the period 1947 to 1950. In terms of achievement, we could say, this three years period was very successful for him. Right from the success of Mahad's passive resistance in his leadership the dalit movements,



agitations and resistances were getting the concrete shape. Simultaneously social transformation was taking place through awakening and organization of the society.

Dr. Ambedkar was very much firm in the opinion that without the participation of women the movement cannot be successful. That is the reason he gave more emphasis on amendments of laws related to women. He had provided safety cell to women by making women oriented provisions in the various laws. While putting forward the proposal of Hindu Code Bill he had given very precise, to the point and highly intellectual speech. This bill was kept for discussion in the last session of the House. Dr. Ambedkar regretted this. In his talk he said, "...this bill is related to seven different aspects which need to be converted in the code. First thing is about coding of provisions regarding the property of both Hindu Men and Women who died without making 'a will'. Second, it