

POVERTY IS NOT JUST A LACK OF MONEY

Poverty means not having enough material work or state of being inferior in quality or incomes for person's needs. Poverty may include economic, social, and political elements. Poverty can be classified into different group namely Absolute poverty, Relative poverty, Situational poverty, Urban poverty, Rural poverty.

An absolute poverty indicates a condition where household income is below a necessary level to maintain the daily living standards whereas relative poverty is a condition where household income is a certain percentage below median income. Situational poverty is a condition where there is loss or sudden crisis. Urban poverty is a condition where there is a lack of sanitation, lack of access to service. Rural poverty is a condition where poverty is observed in rural areas which includes rural factors, economy or political systems.

Poverty is not just a lack of money "it is not having capabilities to realize or to understand one as a human being". For example, shudras or atishudras (untouchable) who has their household income more than the other median income is not allowed to work or not give a job due to caste discrimination. Even if they get jobs, they will be subjected to several heinous practices by denying the basic human rights.

According to Government of Indian Act 1935 (Article 17) of Indian Constitution, all forms of atrocities against untouchables is prohibited at the same time there are steps taken for the upliftment of the untouchables by giving them a special concession in the reservation. Once a Dalit said "a Dalit is born and dies as a Dalits. They are subjected to worst job due to discrimination they might be sweepers, a tanner, they might smell and dirtiest because they are called as pollute". A minority reservation can lead to poverty where a highly educated rich students get in the desired colleges and the highly educated poor students are not able to get in because they are shudras or lower caste.

Poverty is not just a lack of money "it is not having emotional development". For example- A student prepared for his/her entrance exam can't clear the exam lead to a mental depression, psychological distress and may be lead to a suicide attempt also. Poverty can affect on mental health through biological mechanism which interacts with genetics or adverse life events or substance abuse. Poverty is not a state of mind, right attitude can help to escape the poverty but between poor families is not a piece of cake because when the things go wrong within the poor family, they blame on it themselves.

Poverty is not just a lack of money “it is not giving importance to one’s own culture”. Lack of people togetherness in their cultural norms, different religion contains different cultures when there is a lack of people togetherness, the culture will get diminished and rarely the culture will be recognized between people. For example, the cultural aspects of the tribes are different in different communities.

Poverty is not just a lack of money “it is not having proper education”. A proper education can solve all the poverty issues. For example, A farmer who is farming from long time will not be having a proper knowledge about how to use new techniques, new pesticides. Without any education many are jobless and stuck in living poverty for whole life and continue their cycle of poverty. Over 900 million people cannot read and write. In India 22% of people lies below poverty line without having basic writing and reading skills.

Money is not the first option of the poverty. There are many other reasons that lead to poverty. Lack of education can lead to poverty, no proper education no jobs provided which can cause mental poverty like depression, anxiety, illness and can also cause physical poverty resulting in weakness, malnutrition, lack of clothes, no proper shelter etc. Many unbelievable rituals can cause poverty. A poverty can be solved by treating all people with required 10% things like education, food, shelter. In view of the above, it is concluded that the **poverty is not just a lack of money**.
