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Challenges and Issues of Poverty before India

Abstract

The problem related to poverty, eradicating poverty and achieve balanced economic development has become issues for debate around the world. The United Nation Organization, World Bank and Government bodies of the various Countries have understood the intensity of poverty among the people. Hence these Countries are keen interested to wipe out the poverty of the society. India is one of the Country having 29.8% of the population of 1.35 billion still lives below the poverty line. So, Govt of India is trying to eradicate the poverty of the people with the help of innovative and effective schemes. This paper covers introduction, objectives, concept of poverty, current scenario of poverty in India, causes of poverty, suggestions/recommendations and conclusion regarding poverty.

Keywords: Concept of poverty, Basic needs Current Scenario of Poverty, Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPH).

Introduction

India has facing major problem poverty from pre-independence period to until today. Along with the poverty India has facing other problems like huge population, corruption, black money, illiteracy, unhygienic, unemployment etc. These problems are co-related with each other. Due to rapidly rising population growth it causes lack of education & less opportunities of job, which leads to poverty.

It is broadly can be say that where the people are deprived of the basic needs such as food, clothes and shelter. They could not get the things which are essential for their survival. In India after independence some elite people rip the fruits of development and major part of the society is deprived from the development. As the time passed long the valley between the rich and poor vigorously increased. The developing Country like India there is major problem of poverty due to not enough strong economy. In India poverty is measured by the much disputed measure "Poverty Line".

Objectives of the Study

1. To know the concept of poverty.
2. To study the causes of poverty in India.
3. To focus on the schemes to eradicate the poverty.
4. To suggest recommendations regarding poverty alleviation

Review of Literature

Regarding poverty this review focuses on literature that covers more historic approach to examine intensity of poverty and remedies on it. The review includes current scenario of poverty in world as well as India which is depicted as under—

1. The Planning Commission Report on Poverty (2013). According to this report the number of people living below poverty line has come down to 21.9% in 2011-12 which was 37.2% in 2004-05 on account of increase in per capita consumption. Also the report revealed that in 2011-12 in case of rural areas, the national poverty line by using the Tendulkar Methodology is estimated that at Rs 816 per capita per month in villages and Rs 1000 per capita per month in cities of India. It means that the persons whose consumption of goods and services exceeds Rs 33.33 per capita per day in cities as well as Rs 27.20 per capita per day in villages are not poor.
2. C Rangrajan Panel on Tendulkar Report (2014). This panel was setup by the government of India to review the Suresh Tendulkar Committee's methodology for estimating poverty and clear the ambiguity therein. After the keen study C Rangrajan Panel denied the



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