

SHADOW OF CASTE AFFECTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A CASE OF SCHEDULED CASTES IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Poverty eliminates people from various social roles and create miserable situation in depriving the quality of life of people. Majority of Scheduled Castes (SCs) are most deprived and fall under poverty line. If they availing the services and opportunities would enhance their capability and standard of living. But the degree of deprivation varies across different subcategories. The very reason for deprivation may be just because of being at the bottom of the caste hierarchy. The condition of excludes them from the mainstream society and also contributes to the further increase of social inequality. Thus, through the affirmative action's social mobility can be achieved by inclusion of people who still face different forms of exclusion which keep them out of these benefits.

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