ILLITERACY TODAY IS A BURNING PROBLEM WHICH CRIPLES OUR SOCIETY. UNIVERSALISATION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION, AND ERADICATION OF ADULT ILLITERACY BECAME AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF THE PLANS FORMULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY WITH ALL SortS OF HUMAN RESOURCES. COMPLETE ERADICATION OF ADULT ILLITERACY WILL CONFIRM THAT IN FUTURE GENERATIONS EACH AND EVERYONE FROM THE CHILDREN TO ADULT WILL BE LITERATE. THE DALIT SHIKSHA ANDOLAN, (DSA) A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION IN PROFILING THE SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF SCs AND STs IN THE COUNTRY FOUND THAT THE SCs AND STs WHO CONSTITUTE NEARLY ONE-FOURTH OF INDIA'S TOTAL POPULATION ARE ILLITERATE DESPITE A HOST OF WELFARE SCHEMES STARTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO UPLIFT THEIR CONDITIONS.

THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY 1986, UNDER EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION, EMPHASISES INVESTMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNG CHILDREN PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION IN WHICH FIRST GENERATION LEARNERS PREDOMINATE. IT IS VERY WISE TO FORMULATE POLICIES TO GIVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL BY REMOVING DISPARITIES, PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY, EDUCATION FOR SC, ST, BACKWARD SECTIONS OF SOCIETY AND AREAS, MINORITIES, HANDICAPPED, ADULTS ETC.
Inspite of all these steps India's 52.11% of the population only attains literacy according to 1991 census report. The First Generation Learners irrespective of classes face the same problems which are revealed mainly by this research study to suggest that like the backward classes the First generation Learners of Advance class should also get special attention and priority otherwise maintenance of equality will be a big question mark. To give equal opportunity NFGLS of all the classes (Advance and Backward) should be treated equally by keeping in view of their economic conditions. This may also help in growing realisation in the common people that individuals are not backward by caste but each one has the same possibilities and potentialities to develop if he is educated and literacy is the basis of all education. Besides this the help given by the Government are for the really needy ones irrespective of classes.

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