

A Conceptual Overview On Gender Justice

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Introduction:

It is a cacophonous to say that women have been ill-treated in every society for ages and India is no exception to this bitter fact. The incongruity lies in certainty that through the ages we have set women on a platform of 'mother of humankind'. Incomprehensibly, the most ghastly brutalities have been perpetrated upon her, frequently without reason and for the most part without worthwhile motivation. Despite the fact that we have entered the new thousand years, the status of women has not enhanced, primarily because of the conventional inclination and preference towards that area of the general public, which has stayed, for no blame of theirs, oppressed every one of these years. The separation stems less from administrative inadequacy but rather more from the attitudinal predisposition of the general public. Contemporaneous enactment, laws, bargains and traditions have unequivocally settled equivalent rights for people as a worldwide standard.

She is looked down as item or as a slave, she isn't just looted of her nobility and pride outside her home yet additionally faces abuse and different outrages inside the four dividers of her home. Ladies are segregated at two levels, right off the bat they endure due to their sexual orientation and besides because of crushing neediness. Social and monetary disparities likewise contribute in no little measure to the proceeded with dissent of human rights to Women substantially and to the hindered and poor among them specifically. Sexual orientation uniformity chiefly comes down just to a fantasy.

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additionally needs to do all the house hold work. Her general status in the family and in the general public has been low and unrecognized.

From the support to grave, females are under the grip of various shades of malice acts like separation, persecutions, savagery, inside the family, at the work places and in the general public. The underlying driver of all the shrewd practices looked by the ladies are:

- (1) Lack of education,
- (2) Monetary reliance,
- (3) Rank limitations,
- (4) Religious restriction,
- (5) Absence of initiative characteristics and
- (6) Indifferent and unfeeling mentality of guys in

the general public

Historical Background:

Bangles, which are synonymous with ladies, have been regularly utilized as an allegory for shackles. In women's activist writing, as well as something else. In India, it is trusted that ladies appreciated an equivalent status as men in the Vedic Period. The instruction of ladies held impressive criticalness, particularly from works of Katayana and Patanjali. The Upanishads and the Vedas have referred to ladies sages and soothsayers. In any case, the condition declined significantly a while later. Recorded practices, for example, Sati, Jauhar, Purdah and Devdasis, tyke marriage, are a couple of conventions intelligent of the sexual orientation lopsidedness in Indian Society. In spite of the fact that these practices are to a great extent outdated now, because of lawful change, the pith of the broken sex value still is uncontrolled and showed today through aggressive behavior at home, trafficking, settlement passings, female child murder, female foeticide, sexual externalization and viciousness and inappropriate behavior at work put.

In old Greek and Roman social orders ladies were dealt with as mediocre compared to men. Reproduction of youngsters has been held to be the main part for ladies. Origination was her lone reason. Subsequently ladies were extraordinarily oppressed. The view of ladies among Christian scholars was profoundly negative. Sexual orientation imbalance proceeded into medieval social orders as subversive point of view on sex developed. Under precedent-based law of England, a wedded lady scarcely had any rights; she had no rights to her property after marriage. In the early history of the United States, ladies and youngsters were considered as a man's ownership. Ladies started working in enterprises, the states of work and timings were terrible yet it was until 1910 that the states passed enactments lightening the states of work.

Proceeding into the twentieth Century, sex uneven characters offered ascend to Feminist Movements, particularly in North America and West Europe. With intense developments and development of mindfulness, there emerged bit by bit some progression in social structures and establishments. Different legitimate changes were presented, enactments were passed, which helped in reducing a portion of the partitions in sexual orientation imbalance.

Worldwide View On Gender Justice:

Sexual orientation Justice, basically put alludes to correspondence between the genders. Sex equity is a relationship of social, monetary, political, ecological, social and instructive variables, these preconditions should be fulfilled for accomplishing sexual orientation equity. Comprehensively, sexual orientation equity as a reason has picked up in quality throughout the years, as it has been understood that no state can really advance if half of its populace is kept down.

The battle for break even with rights, opportunity and equity has been made by human rights activists, women's activists, NGO's and through Government bolster. Despite the fact that extensive advance has been made in such manner, ladies are as yet lingering behind. With globalization, there are other complex issues that ladies confront today alongside the basic issues that have dependably tormented ladies. Consumerism and social heterogeneity has gotten its overlap more typification of ladies. Aside from these issues, there are as yet numerous societies on the planet where the state of ladies is as yet miserable, despite everything they have no control or directly finished themselves or their bodies or their children. The condition is more terrible in Africa and the Middle East. Sexual orientation Justice alludes to fitting of rights and needs of ladies into standard society. Equity in this sense implies more adjusted

conduct, a conclusion to savagery and equivalent circulation of social necessities.

All inclusive, the United Nations has built up a solid command for sexual orientation equity. The attention on sex equity and sexual orientation equity has been there since the commencement of the UN. In 1946, a different body was framed to deal with the "progression of ladies". The Commission on the Status of Women worked from its commencement to gather and order information on ladies' circumstance around the globe, to advance ladies' human rights and bring issues to light of, and bolster for, their commitment to improvement. The Decade for Women (1976-1985) and four world gatherings on ladies (in the vicinity of 1975 and 1995) contributed essentially to bringing issues to light and responsibility regarding sex uniformity and sex equity. In 1995, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action had been confined for controlling work at national level.

The human rights arrangement on sex uniformity – The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) has been sanctioned by 185 states and the discretionary convention by 90 states. Since 1995 and the selection of sexual orientation mainstreaming as a basic technique for accomplishing sex uniformity, intergovernmental bodies, for example, the General Assembly, the ECOSOC and the Commission on the Status of Women have attempted to standard sex points of view as a necessary piece of all approach zones. At the 2005 World Summit, world pioneers emphasized that "advance for ladies is advance for all". The UNIFEM is another organization of the UN. It is the advancement subsidize for ladies at the United Nations. It gives specialized and budgetary help to inventive projects and procedures to encourage ladies' strengthening and sexual orientation uniformity. The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) additionally has the Gender Development Index (GDI). It means that the way of life in a nation, created by the UN. It intends to demonstrate the imbalances amongst people: long and sound life, learning and not too bad way of life. India is positioned 128th in the Gender Development Index, while USA is twelfth and UK is sixteenth.

Concept Of Gender Justice And Gender Equality:

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According to the conventional framework, to approach any Court of law, one ought to have legitimate right or "standing", which is also called locus standi. Without "locus standi" or "standing", nobody can approach the Court, according to the customary framework for looking for legal redressal. Be that as it may, keeping in mind the end goal to render equity to poor people and the destitute, thinking about their impeded position, the Courts have changed the idea of locus standi.

"Locus standi" is the privilege of a gathering to show up and to be heard on the inquiry under the watchful eye of any Court or Tribunal, every now and again debated in private bill enactment; counsel the Works of Smethurst, or of clifford and stepheus, regarding this matter.²

Keeping in mind the end goal to have sexual orientation equity, strengthening of ladies is key. The Universal jus cogens commitments to regard human nobility and basic human rights require strengthening of people through established rights, as well as protected restrictions on all misuse of open and private forces³.

Indeed, human nobility, as strengthening requires regard for the legitimate and law based self-sufficiency of natives to characterize their separate human rights and other central opportunities. The constitutionalism lays on the commence of limitin misuse of freedom.⁴

In a male-commanded society, typically, mishandle is against ladies, which must be ensured, according to method known to law and furthermore by method for open intrigue cases. On the off chance that the manhandle is conferred by expert or some other individual⁵ and the specialist stays quiet onlooker. Kantian perspective of nobility as strengthening and Sends origination of flexibility as social strengthening seem steadier with the general acknowledgment of human rights, particularly on ladies.⁶

The Scope Of Gender Injustice:

It is difficult to debate that ladies and men are similarly qualified for just treatment and that, when somebody endures shamefulfulness due to their sex, they are a casualty of sexual orientation treachery. In any case, the correct meaning of sexual orientation shamefulfulness and thusly the extent of sex foul play are antagonistic issues. A few types of sexual orientation bad form are anything but difficult to recognize.

On the off chance that those straightforwardly in charge of the above shameful acts are incompletely persuaded by contempt or partiality against ladies, the casualties of viciousness and segregation don't simply happen to be ladies rather, they move toward becoming casualties of shamefulfulness since they are ladies. Thus, these cases are clear representations of sexual orientation treachery. Different cases are harder to depict as sexual orientation shamefulfulness or, in reality, as foul play full stop. Take, for instance, ladies' "second move." Noteworthy quantities of ladies overall at the same time hold all day occupations and do the vast majority of the work that goes into looking after families, bringing up kids and nurturing debilitated or elderly relatives. They are obviously caring more than their male accomplices⁷.

Far and away more terrible, if there should arise an occurrence of choices, drives them to go up against twofold moves (since it is conceivable to live without a male accomplice and without wards, or to go on hit regarding everything except the most earnest care errands)⁸. At the point when options are exceptionally unwanted, we frequently adjust our inclinations to business as usual keeping in mind the end goal to make our conditions more endurable.⁹

Activity guided by versatile inclinations, while not as ethically dangerous as pressure, ought not consider totally intentional. Be that as it may, it is conceivable to represent the bad form of the twofold move even without reference to versatile inclinations. A broadly recognized element of an equitable society

¹ *Janata Dal v. H.S. Chowdhary*, (1992) 4 SCC 305 : (1991) 3 SCR 752.

² Wharton's Law Lexicon, 15th Edn., 2009, p.1019.

³ D Beyleveld and Brown Sword, *Human Dignity in Bioethics and Bio-law*, "On human dignity as empowerment" (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2001).

⁴ Lexy, *A Theory of Constitutional Rights* (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2002) Chapter-VII.

⁵ A W Wood, *Kant's Ethical Thought* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1999).

⁶ A Sen, *Rationality and Freedom* (Cambridge, Mass, Harvard University Press, 2007) on "Markets and Freedoms".

⁷ See Arlie Hochschild and Anne Machung (1989), *The Second Shift: Working Parents and the Revolution at Home*, New York: Viking Penguin. For an argument about why time in particular is an important currency of justice. Eriksson and Robert E. Goodin (2007), "The Measuring Rod of Time: The Example of Swedish Day-Fines," *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 24(2): 125-36.

⁸ Pamela J. Smock, Wendy D. Manning and Sanjiv Gupta (1999), "The Effect of Marriage and Divorce on Women's Economic Well-Being," *American Sociological Review* 64: 794-812.

⁹ Homemakers' wages, proposed by some feminists, would be an example of such compensation. There is debate about whether this compensation could be adequate.

is that it enables its individuals to share the advantages and the weights of living respectively decently¹⁰.

In addition, their male accomplices deliberately appreciate more advantages on account of the social collaboration organized by ladies' twofold move: These men have additional available time, better access to monetary prosperity and less general duties. Sexual orientation equity requires that no one ought to be relied upon to worry about higher general concerns, or appreciate general lesser advantages than others, without due pay, basically in view of their sex. Be that as it may, consider now cases in which ladies and men bear similar general weights and appreciate a similar general level of advantage by complying with gendered ways of life. A decent illustration is a hetero family, in place after some time, and receiving an equivalent, yet gendered, division of work.¹¹ This may come in the more outrageous conventional shape, with the man as a full-time provider and the lady as a full-time homemaker.

Or on the other hand it might take a more present day shape, with the man holding an all day work and doing some housework and mind and the lady working low maintenance while likewise overseeing and doing the principle heft of the housework and It may not be hard to live without anyone else, or decline to do local work for another, yet it is in any case exorbitant.

The response for which I contend beneath is that no foul play is engaged with such a game plan if the general public in which this couple lives does not make their game plan – or, without a doubt, some other sort of gendered division of work – the minimum expensive way of life alternative.

At the end of the day, this isn't an instance of foul play gave the couple being referred to would discover it not any more expensive to share paid and unpaid work similarly. This case, I trust, accounts well for the instinct that all is fine if individuals deliberately partition function as the couple above, however not in the event that they wind up with this game plan because of the weight of sexual orientation standards coming as people's desires or limitations of the work advertise. The last illustration additionally raises a more profound stress, identified with the conceivable

¹⁰ For simplicity, I shall henceforth use “cheapest” instead of “least costly.” It is important to bear in mind, however, that not all costs are financial or even material.

¹¹ Presumably there is more to some gender injustices, such as gender-based hate crimes or the systematic discounting of needs, than unfair costs. But these forms of gender injustice also tend to unfairly increase the costs of gender-neutral lifestyles as defined in this paper.

significance of settling on a genuinely free decision in a situation organized by sexual orientation standards. Think, in the first place, of a world where there is no recognizable gendered example of isolating work in the public eye by and large and between relatives specifically:

There is as much variety in the paid/unpaid proportion between life partners as there as of now may be, say, eye-shading variety. For this situation, without a doubt, nothing is by all accounts amiss with the specific division of work of this couple – actually, it's anything but a gendered division of work and the couple isn't a conventional couple¹².

Now and then this happens in light of the fact that sexual orientation standards make the expenses of such components restrictive. Notwithstanding when the expenses are not restrictive, and people are allowed to pick these components, sex standards trade off the balance of ladies' and men's entrance to what they have reason, and in some cases pick, to seek after. Before proposing a guideline of sexual orientation equity, let me clarify how the weight of sex standards functions and what is tricky about it.

There are three distinctive manners by which sex standards can meddle with only results through constraining individual decision, all represented by the “discriminatory constraint” impact in ladies' professions. In the first place, there is expanding proof that much sex inclination works at the oblivious, and henceforth not straightforwardly controllable, level. Indeed, even people who intentionally dismiss sexual orientation standards have a tendency to unwittingly assess ladies and men as indicated by various criteria and to expect individuals from every sex to improve the situation in those regards that are customarily connected with their sex; this is called verifiable inclination.

This is especially evident when managing the desires of individuals we think about (frequently gay individuals think that its hardest to turn out to their own families) and considerably more so when the desires are disguised (the inclination to please others is more hard to oppose when one's self-recognition as a worthy individual relies upon satisfying others). I come back to the pertinence of these qualifications in area 6. When somebody begins to methodically carry on in ways that fit in with others' desires, it turns out to be progressively difficult for that individual to oppose them, for two reasons:

(a) on the grounds that it is subjectively difficult to break examples of activity that have progressed

¹² Virginia Valian (1999), *Why So Slow? The Advancement of Women*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

toward becoming piece of one's customary way of life, and

(b) May be more vitally, in light of the fact that designed conduct creates genuine desires. Being dependably there to meet the basic needs of the closest and dearest, as ladies are required to do, or to gain the living of the family, as men are relied upon to do, brings about obligations that can't be broken up at short notice or with little exertion. Both propensity and gained obligations reduce one's opportunity of decision.

Along these lines, for instance, if enough ladies put less time than most men into propelling their professions since they commit their opportunity to addressing fundamental needs of the closest and dearest, it might be sensible for potential managers to expect any lady who has destitute wards to do as such. This is the last piece of the clarification of the discriminatory limitation impact, comprising in how sexual orientation standards structure ladies¹³.

Regardless of whether a lady has for the most part opposed gendered desires in her family life, and regardless of whether such desires assume no part in assessing her execution, judicious managers will be hesitant to advance her. Businesses have restricted information, and it is factually more probable that female representatives will lead a gendered way of life that keeps them from executing as proficiently as an also situated man.¹⁴

Also, a portion of the general social standards that abridge people's opportunity square access to things that are not important. One issue with the larger part of gendered standards is that, as a rule, they make it more exorbitant for ladies than for men to get certain significant things, for example, satisfying professions and confidence, and the social acknowledgment that accompanies them.¹⁵

Thus, in an equitable society no one ought to be troubled by gendered standards in the quest for things as vital as access to work and cozy connections – regardless of whether everyone was to worry about a

general equivalent concern. One's sex ought not to square access to any of these, or make it either pretty much exorbitant than they would be for some individual¹⁶ comparable in all regards yet sexual orientation. All the more for the most part, I propel the accompanying rule of sexual orientation equity as fit for clarifying the whole scope of sex shameful acts:

In characterizing a sexually unbiased way of life, one needs to envision what might be a profitable way of life in a world without sex standards. This would need to incorporate components that meet two conditions:¹⁷

(i) We have justifiable reason motivation to view these way of life components as valuable and

(ii) These way of life components can be achievable by any number of individuals without in this manner barring others from accomplishing them. They are co-exercisable alternatives. Some way of life components (important or not) are presently unequally available to Individual highlights, for example, quality, magnificence, insight, aptitudes, identity and character characteristics do obviously affect the expenses of the different things individuals wish to accomplish.

That is, able to recognize all instances of sexual orientation treachery, however not really to represent the entire unfairness of these cases. A sexually unbiased way of life may incorporate various components from "manly" and "ladylike" ways of life. For example, coordinate articulation of one's bitterness or dread is better obliged by standards of gentility as opposed to by standards of manliness¹⁸. On the off chance that steady demoralization to express one's bitterness or dread is a snag to prosperity, at that point it is conceivable that in a world free of sex standards the capacity to express misery or dread would be esteemed as opposed to curbed. What's more, there is no motivation to imagine that a few people's immediate articulation of their misery or dread would restrain other individuals' opportunity to do as such.¹⁹

¹³ C. von Hippel, C. Wiryakusuma, J. Bowden and M. Shochet (2011), "Stereotype Threat and Female Communication Styles," *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* 37(10): 1312-24.

¹⁴ Sally Haslanger (2000), "Gender and Race: (What) Are They? (What) Do We Want Them to Be?" *Nous* 34(1).

¹⁵ Haslanger leaves open the possibility of nonhierarchical genders, which however she does not explore, so it is difficult to know what they would consist of and whether norms associated with nonhierarchical gender would make access to nontrivial goods more costly for members of one, or several, genders.

¹⁶ Individual features, such as strength, beauty, intelligence, skills, personality and character traits do of course impact the costs of the various things people wish to attain.

¹⁷ Andrea Kupfer Schneider, Catherine H. Tinsley, Sandra Cheldeli and Emily T. Amanatullah (2010),

¹⁸ *The Tanner Lecture on Human Values*, vol. I, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 197-220; Gerald Cohen (1989).

¹⁹ See Cohen (1979), *Karl Marx's Theory of History: A Defence*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 238-40; and Cohen (1989): 918-19.

That examination underlined²⁰ mental (confidence) and material (work, time and exertion) costs. In the event that the reality of the matter is that ladies are regularly stuck a twofold spot in which they are judged as either capable or amiable, If being a lady makes it more probable for one to be liable to viciousness during the evening out in the open spots, and, therefore, ladies are as sheltered as men just by taking a taxi as opposed to strolling or utilizing open transport, at that point they should pay a higher cost than men for driving a sexually impartial way of life.²¹

As per this investigation, men are likewise subject to sexual orientation unfairness because of the presence of sex standards. For example, men additionally bring about higher expenses in picking a sexually unbiased way of life over a "manly" one. A conspicuous illustration is men who experience higher impediments than ladies in getting parental leave or low maintenance work game plans. Different cases incorporate men who, keeping in mind the end goal to work with kids, need to substantiate themselves reliable to a higher standard than ladies do, or who are met with hesitance in their endeavors to associate taking all things together female situations when they take care of their young kids.²² Foundation of out of line sexual orientation standards, ought not put it outside a person's span. The capacity to follow up on one's decisions is constitutive to a generous flexibility to lead one's life as one wishes²³. G. A. Cohen attracted consideration regarding a valuable qualification between two manners by which this capacity can be abridged: The operator may discover it excessively troublesome, making it impossible to achieve something – at the breaking point, inconceivable – or she may discover it too expensive – at the cutoff, excruciatingly exorbitant.

Today it is extremely hard to trust that all individuals from either sex have such unalterably low levels of capacity that driving a sexually impartial way of life would place others in peril of being hurt. The components of a sexually unbiased way of life have been characterized as conceivable to achieve by all individuals from society.²⁴

²⁰ Carter (1999), *A Measure of Freedom*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 42-3.

²¹ Cohen (1979): 239.

²² *The Morality of Freedom*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, p.153.

²³ Mill (1973/1869), *The Subjection of Women*, in Mill and Harriet Taylor Mill, *Essays on Sex Equality*, Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, p. 148.

²⁴ Andrea Kupfer Schneider, Catherine H. Tinsley, Sandra Cheldeli and Emily T. Amanatullah (2010),

Generally, sexual orientations have been comprehended as reciprocal, as were gendered obligations as for socially fundamental work and ideals. Consequently, none of the gendered ways of life could be supported as the generally least expensive form: If an excessive number of were to take part in just a single of them, a significant part of the work basic for societal survival would stay fixed. This would mount the motivation to incorporate some measure of the work and excellencies customarily allocated to the next sexual orientation in the default way of life, until the point when an adjust is achieved when the least expensive way of life would really incorporate the customary duties of both genders.²⁵ By definition, an unbiased way of life is the special case that can be supported as general. The upshot is that sex equity requires impartial ways of life to be the least expensive alternative.

The causal associations between sexed bodies, sex distinction and sex standards is a long way from clear, and most curiously, does not appear to be unidirectional. Be that as it may, assume we could really know to what degree sex is intrinsic; assume the hypothesis that sexual orientation is mostly or completely inherent is valid. This would not involve that it is simply to hinder people's entrance to essential products, or even to slight their uniformity of access, by permitting "ladylike ways of life" to be the least expensive choice for ladies and "manly ways of life" to be the least expensive for men.

To begin with, the most that the characteristic hypothesis implies to demonstrate is that ladies and prior potty preparing, of male newborn children is probably going to sustain a more grounded feeling of qualification. What's more, clearly, there are ladies who incline toward "manly ways of life" and the different way. Henceforth, nor people's capacities nor their inclinations would legitimize disincentives to take part in a sexually impartial way of life. Very despite what might be expected: If limiting the expenses of a sexually unbiased way of life is the thing that equity requires (for every one of the reasons given above), at that point the presence of various inalienable levels of capacity would demonstrate that assets need to go into compensating for sex dis-adjust in capacity. In the terms of this paper, this would involve a poking of individuals into the way of life

"Likeability v. Competence: The Impossible Choice Faced by Female Politicians, Attenuated by Lawyers," *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy* (17)2.

²⁵ "Equality of What?" in *The Tanner Lecture on Human Values*, vol. I, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 197-220; Gerald Cohen (1989), "On the Currency of Egalitarian Justice," *Ethics* 99: 906-44.

customarily connected with their contrary sex: helping young ladies to upgrade their theoretical reasoning and young men their compassion – to take one of the crudest generalizations.²⁶

In the event that sexual orientation is mostly inborn, limiting the expenses of an unbiased way of life should beat sex. Despite the fact that the characteristic hypothesis does not raise an issue of equity, it raises one of productivity. In the event that sex was to some degree innate, the most proficient association of society would mirror ladies' and men's diverse capacities by giving each the impetuses to do what they can do best and waste brief period endeavoring to do what they don't do best.

This would include a division of work as emphatically gendered as the sex was natural. (That is, fundamentally less gendered than existing conditions since, as of now said, the sexual orientation contrasts in capacity that the inherent hypothesis implies to clarify are just negligible.) But this trouble isn't particular to a populist hypothesis of sex equity; it is fairly a general contention for effectiveness against libertarianism. Similarly in which a monetarily simple social association require not be the most productive social association, a sexual orientation simple social association require not boost efficiency.

An Indian Perspective:

In our society girls are socialized from their tender age to be dependent on males. Her existence is always subject to men. In her childhood she is under the protection of her father, after marriage under the protection of her husband and in old age at the mercy of her sons. Much legislation has been enacted by the Indian System which are as follows:

- (1) Widow Remarriage Act 1856.
- (2) Female infanticide banned 1870.
- (3) Inter caste, intercommunity marriages made legal 1872.
- (4) Age of consent raised to 12 years for girls 1891.
- (5) Women get rights to vote in Madras province 1921.
- (6) Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929.
- (7) Women get special rights to property 1934.
- (8) Special Marriage Act 1954.
- (9) Hindu Marriage Act 1955.
- (10) Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act 1956.
- (11) Dowry Prohibition Act 1961.
- (12) Criminal Law Amendment Act 1981.
- (13) The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act 1986.
- (14) Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act 1987.
- (15) The Workmen Compensation Act, 1921.

- (16) Payment of Wages Act, 1936.
- (17) Factories Act, 1948.
- (18) Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.
- (19) Minimum Wages Act, 1948.
- (20) Employees State Insurance Act 1948 .
- (21) Pensions Act, 1987.

Under Indian constitution some provisions also enshrined which gives the validity to the gender equality as:

- (i) Article 14 expresses the State shall not deny to any person the equality before the law and equal protection of laws with in the territory of India.
- (ii) Article 15(1) prohibits the State to discriminate against any citizen on the grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, and place of birth or any of them.
- (iii) Article 15(3) permits the State to make special provisions for women and children.
- (iv) Article 16 provides that there shall be equality of opportunity for all citizens and they shall not be discriminated on the basis of religion, race, caste and sex.
- (v) Article 39(a) of the Constitution provides that the state in particular direct its policy towards securing that citizen, men and women equally, have the right to an adequate means of livelihood.
- (vi) Article 39(e) of the Constitution provides that the health and strength of workers, men and women, and the tender age of children are not abused and that citizens are not forced by economic necessity to enter avocations unsuited to their age or strength.
- (vii) Article 51(A) (e) of the Constitution provides that it will be the duty of every citizen to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women.

Further, Indian Penal Code 1860, Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 and Indian Evidence Act too have some provisions which provide protection and a sense of security to women.

Regardless our society having so many enactments related to issues with women, still poor conditions of women has not been improved so far and still she confronts all types of atrocities and legislature and judiciary somewhat fails to provide respect to women in society.

It is the need of the hour to adopt some measures in respect to improve the status of women in our society which should be backed with strong public willingness and public opinion.

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