
IMPACT OF INCOME AND EDUCATION ON THE INCIDENCE OF CHILD MARRIAGE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Marriages is a pious tradition in all over globe but bride and groom needs to be connected physically and intellectually with each other and they take a promise to spend entire life with each other. Therefore, there must be some age limit for minimum age of marriage. Early marriage or child marriages is like a curse on society and many organization along with government body are doing a lot of work just to prevent the child marriage and convincing people to avoid the child marriage for their daughter as well as son and wait till they attend the age of 18 and 21 respectively. The current paper has been prepared to find out the post early marriage impact on female kid and what the cause behind the child marriage are and what can be done to avoid child marriage . The conclusion of the paper has come out that education is a method to make people conscious about child marriage and second one is that create people financial independent as they may be free to choose their own choice.

KEYWORDS: *Bride, Child marriage, Education, Groom, Government.*

INTRODUCTION

The birth of a kid is regarded as a joyful time but yet, if infant child is a female, then it is not considered as a happy moment in certain area of the globe and the reason behind this is the marriage arrangement for that girl. Girls is always go someone other house after marriage and father need to provide some kind of money to make arrangement for the marriage of that girl. In Indian culture, weddings is regarded as a costly event since lot of money is involved in this. The dowry is an important element in certain of the society for seeking a suitable match for the girl marriage and in other instances, demand comes from the groom side. Although, dowry is proclaimed as a criminal offense by respected court yet this practice is followed as a holistic culture in many area of India as well as globe(1).

Girls are regarded as an inferior gender since a long time ,and the condition of the girls are really extremely poor in developing condition ,if one family living in developing country and don't have a decent monetary standing then condition become even more worse a girl in that household . This is due of the absence of the essential amenities and facilities like not a decent income sources and not a fixed earning, it could be probable that family is not able to obtain the job on regular basis, fewer earning member in comparison to family size. In today's situation, it is very well known truth that nearly every nation is going through an inflation phase and the prices of even essential goods are also rising upwards. This will make the situation of impoverished families much more terrible(2).

Marriage is an obligatory event for young boys and girl and everyone must go through this procedure but yet there was a period when no age limit was set for the marriage for females as well as guys. In those time girls of 10 years of age were being got married to someone and most sad part was that some time groom age was in compatible with the age of girl but in many instances, groom was much older than the females. This made the things unpleasant for girl as they had to endure labor pain in teenage age and most of the time, either girl died or even baby had perished due of the immature age of the mother. There are certain instances, when a poor girl had to force with an elderly guy simply to escape the dowry or girl's father was not in a position to arrange money for dowry(3).

The issue of the dowry is equally as large as preparations being made in a females weddings. The motive of the dowry was noble but as the times passes, this custom has taken another shape and people have biased about it and they start to demand a hefty money along with a lot of goods and all and this become tradition in all communities to demand for a handsome amount even without acknowledged the position and monetary condition of girls family. The money participation in weddings is not a commendable deed as this practice destroy the ideals of a civilized society and also influence in some way the married life of couple as some individual are voluntarily demand for more dowry even after marriage. This tradition should be discontinued to preserve the ideals of a civilized society(4).

According to old religious text , girl is considered as a base of the life as she has the power to given the birth, and every religion has considered the girls and women as a form of goddess but still there are many bad practices prevalent in the society that may affect the life and dignity of a women. Therefore, a collective effort should be done to enhance the situation of the women and particularly girl child so that they may be educated in order to feel empowered and be able to take involvement in decision making processes of home and at other places. There are numerous government organization have been working for improving the situation of the girl aside from the significant efforts done by various NGOs and United Nations(5).

Marriages are created in paradise but this is not true as many girl have been suffering terribly after marriage simply because of the understanding and dowry issue. Most of the cruelty have been registered done by the a women against women ,indeed, this is the major problem as after marriage a lady in form of mother in law ,sister in law ,don't support the newly married bride in most of the cases and this can also be solve with a proper education and awareness program. Many nursing moms are not being given a proper diet plan and it is a significant cause for death of the baby as well as mother. In underdeveloped nations, this circumstances are truly extremely terrible condition as regardless of many meritorious attempts

Marriages of a girl is still a difficult task in many developing nations as people don't have enough money over there and people's thinking set is also changing as they desire a profitable marriage for their son . The interesting thing is that when a parents are seeking a bride for their son, then their thinking set is completely different when they search a groom for their daughter (Figure 1). This gap must be bridged with an equality of ideas whether a parent is searching for a groom or a bride. There should not be any disparities occur between a girl and a guy and this is also one of the causes to overcome the difficulties and inequalities between a female and boy.

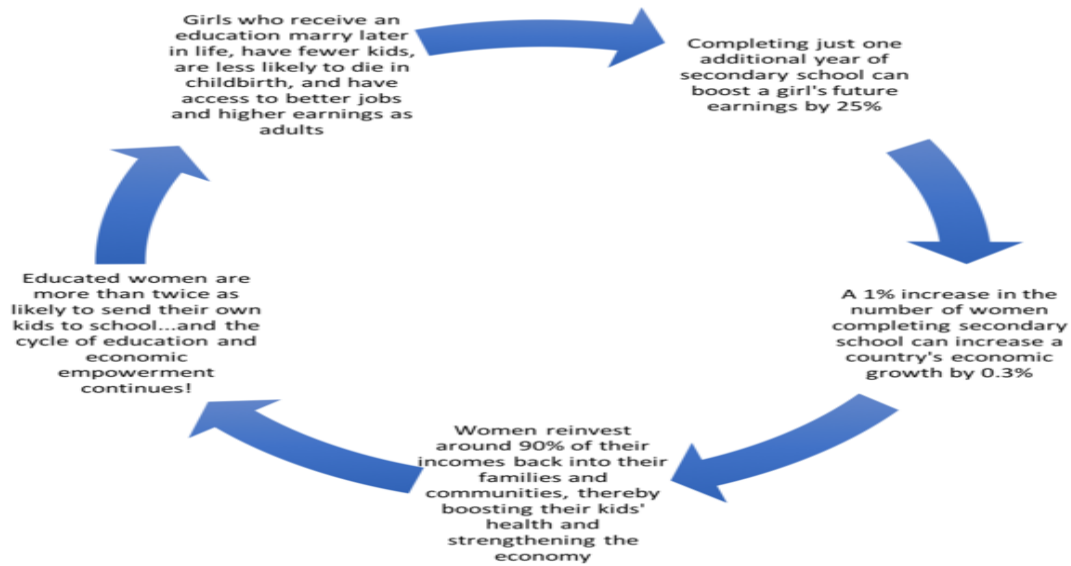


Figure 1: Effect of Education of a Women in Society, Family and Nation

Main difficulty arises in female marriage is the availability of a suitable husband and arrangement of money. Their one thing is important to note that if groom would have been earning well or belong to a rich family, then there expectations are high for dowry, however this is not true in every situation but most of instances are inspired by this idea. The burden of marriage had been borne by the bride’s family. This issue has taken more regressive form if the family belong to a middle class income group. Early marriage was very much in prevalence but with imposition of many laws about this , early marriage have been restricted but still ,one more issue has emerged and this is marriage of girl before finishing their education.

In India, minimum age of marriage set at 18 year and if any instance has been discovered that a girl with age less than 18 year is planning to marry, it would be regarded as a crime. Moreover, early marriage is regarded as a forced marriage and also is a human right violation since this is affect the life of a girl in every way including social, physical and her education as well. There are many nations, where early child marriage are still in practices, and child marriage should be targeted to cease latest by 2030 in every region of the globe according to sustainable development objective. A lot of attempt are constantly being done however early child marriage situation have not changed in several of the sub Saharan as well as south Asian country. The reason behind these nations are that they are in more susceptible position as per their political and economic state. Table 1 has been displaying the literacy rate of Indian states.

TABLE1: DATA OF LITERACY OF WOMEN IN INDIAN STATES AND UNION TERRITORY OF INDIA

State or UT	Census 2011		
	Average	Male	Female
A&N islands ^[UT]	85.17	89.01	82.73
Andhra Pradesh ^[a]	68.56	74.46	58.63
Arunachal Pradesh	66.85	73.59	58.47
Assam	72.07	77.79	66.17
Bihar	63.76	73.28	52.22

State or UT	Census 2011		
	Average	Male	Female
Chandigarh ^[UT]	86.38	90.42	81.27
Chhattisgarh	70.02	81.34	60.46
Dadra and Nagar Haveli ^[UT]	76.54	85.34	65.73
Daman & Diu ^[UT]	87.06	91.36	78.46
Delhi ^[UT]	85.23	90.02	79.83
Goa	86.30	91.71	80.72
Gujarat	78.21	86.12	70.62
Haryana	75.52	84.27	65.65
Himachal Pradesh	82.64	90.72	75.50
India	73.03	81.13	64.34
Jammu and Kashmir	67.64	77.16	56.01
Jharkhand	65.30	77.36	55.11
Karnataka	74.40	81.75	67.12
Kerala	92.81	95.01	91.78
Lakshadweep ^[UT]	91.27	95.01	87.15
Madhya Pradesh	70.59	79.42	59.32
Maharashtra	81.86	88.71	74.37
Manipur	78.74	85.38	72.16
Meghalaya	74.37	76.16	72.65
Mizoram	90.47	92.61	78.30
Nagaland	80.01	82.18	75.57
Odisha	72.23	81.30	63.25
Puducherry ^[UT]	85.34	91.10	80.11
Punjab	75.58	79.38	72.23
Rajasthan	67.06	77.41	50.42
Sikkim	81.18	86.26	75.32
Tamil Nadu	79.23	85.71	72.75
Telangana	-	-	-
Tripura	86.75	91.17	82.14

State or UT	Census 2011		
	Average	Male	Female
Uttar Pradesh	68.62	78.13	58.15
Uttarakhand	79.52	88.23	70.60
West Bengal	76.07	81.58	70.15

Though early girl wedding is a global issue, an evaluation of works on this topic reveals obvious communal susceptibilities that increase danger for youngster marriage at national and distinct levels. Educations continuously demonstration that nuptial of tiny aged kid is more likely to happen in rural in addition to poor zones with little admittance to healthcare; provincial war in addition to instability added aggravate to vulnerabilities(6). Nevertheless, main associated element increasing risk for girl child wedding is sex inequality, typically regarded, by inferior access to education besides job opportunities for females comparative to males. Crossways national backgrounds, it is poorest in addition to least cultured girls who are most vulnerable to early wedding, and females receiving an education, in that case premature marriage appears to hinder continuation of the schooling.

It is also a truth that early child marriage is a consequence of gender inequality in some degree as it is something connected with gender type resistance from others in addition to violence and coercion for weddings. It may have observed that weddings have arranged by parents of girl or some other relatives are in form of mediator or someone else , the finalization of marriages have done by parent in most of the instances even without the permission of the girl . Only few instances have observed, when the permission of a girl have requested. The female age is immature in case of the early or forced marriage and she has to confront numerous difficulties at their in law’s household. The reason behind these difficulties may be because of the age disparities between bride and groom and girl was not mature enough to adapt with married life since married life carries a lot of obligations with her(7).

The child marriages are accountable for societal disruption and this should be handled as soon as feasible. The one more truth is that economic status of parent of a female kid determine the future of a girl as what will be her educational status or she will finish her days in simply completing the home hold chores. The quality of the health care is also not up to par in the developing nations or health facilities are so costly that a typical household cannot access the excellent medical facilities at cheap costs(8). Although, government has made numerous efforts to solve these issues but huge population make the things more challenging.

The education is not only essential simply to earn living but it is also important to have a good status in society as well as in the family. It may be conceivable that being a lady or woman ,you have been over looked but an educated person can easily make her point and have a role in decision making processes of the family and also be able to put his job and life choice. Therefore, education is essential to alter the views of the society and other people towards the girl and may aid or assist her to accomplish her life objectives. There are many instance, when female is not educated and she is not able to read and neither comprehend the logical phrases, may be deceived(9).

The child marriage is a misfortune because a girl has to married against her will that too when a girl does not reach adulthood in term of mental as well as physical. The issue of the child marriage has been common because of certain tradition that are constantly followed since a long time and firmly entrenched in their custom, but it is a nothing but a breach of human right and law in addition to this also equivalent to a curse for an immature girl(10).Early marriages are like a scar for a female life in term of psychological, emotional as well as bodily as due of start of sexual

activities immediately after the marriage tend to early pregnancy and motherhood in an immature age that will raise the risk of baby mortality.

DISCUSSION

The education is the only method through individuals may be made more conscious of the effects of early marriage and pregnancy in an immature age. The early marriage is nothing but like a nightmare for a girl. Marriage is a relationship which offers lot of responsibility along with happiness and one need sufficiently mature to take the correct choice after marriage and also able to manage their new born along with their job , education and other thing. Birth giving is not an easy for a girl as it is like a second birth for her as it is quite probable that many females have been killed throughout their labor agony. These issue may be better understood by a literate person that is why society can be altered by a good and well-structured education provided to the people.

The economic situation of a person is a second reason to avoid the early marriage in current period while child marriage was common in previous time among rich people as well. The mindset of the weaker section is that early marriage of daughter will free them from responsibility even without having a second thought that immature age is not right for marriage, therefore, after effort made by many noble person and social welfare organization, government has decided that marriage age for girl should be 18 year and for boys should be 21 years. The legislation has been adopted through a bill in parliament and governed in all over India by a consensus or by force, whichever is appropriate to control this law.

CONCLUSION

The current article has been prepared to find out frequency of the child marriage along with related issue which may influence the life of a girl. The life of a girl is not that much simple as she is accountable for delivering birth, in reality, a girl is a genuine foundation of a life on the planet earth. The supremacy of a male coupled with some ancient custom and myth pushed to people to marry their daughter at an early age. The poverty and bad economic situation may been a cause for early marriage of a girl. The government has also established a specific age for marriage for a girl and if any participation is being discovered in a marriage of a girl before this age, then every connected individual would face a court trial. Therefore, Eradication of child marriage of a girl along with other bad habits in the society may be healed by giving excellent education for everyone in urban and rural area of nation.

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