



A STUDY ON SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION OF SCHEDULED CASTES IN BELLARY TALUKA



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ABSTRACT

Scheduled Castes are subject to various offenses, indignities, humiliations and harassment. Serious crimes have been committed against them for various historical, social, cultural and economic reasons. The Scheduled Castes had to perform such unclean occupations as carrying night soil and dead animals, cleaning urinals and cattle shed, washing clothes and performing certain duties at places of cremation. These occupations were treated as polluted or impure. So, people performing these occupations were treated as

untouchables. On account of the practice of untouchability the Scheduled Castes had to suffer from the following types of disabilities viz., no physical contact, ban on the use of common wells and tanks, prohibited from entering the temple, did not receive service from other occupational castes, non-acceptance of cooked food, status incongruence and dependence proneness and so on. The Scheduled Castes were deprived of their economic rights. So they remained poor and dependent on others.