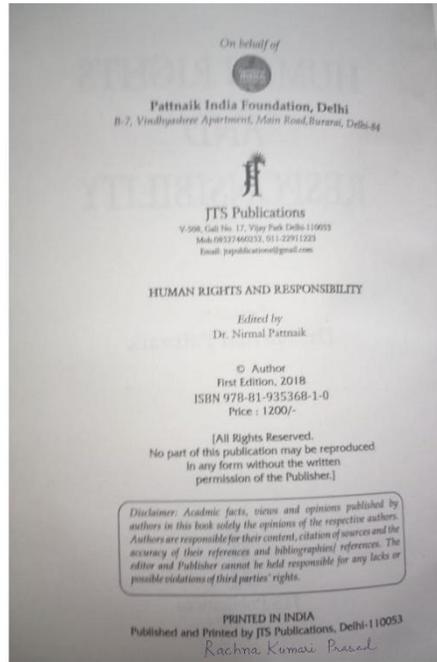
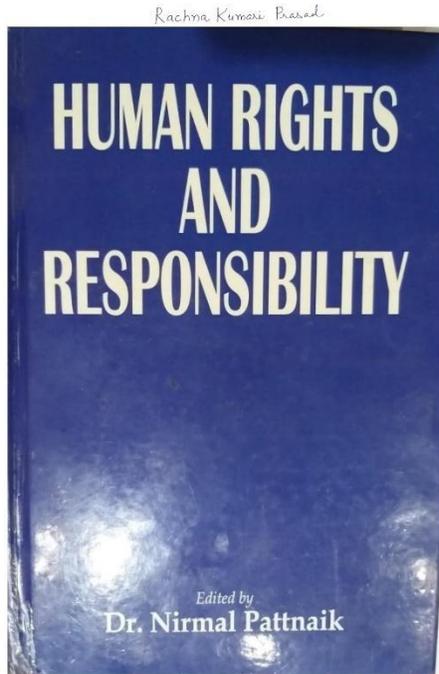


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CHAPTER 42
Implementation of SC/ST Atrocities Act 1989

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Few years back, the verdict of the Patna High Court in the Laxmanpur-Bathe massacre again questions the effective implementation of SC/ST atrocities act. Even after twenty four years of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act has failed to make dalits and tribals feel more empowered. They face an additional handicap of caste discrimination and violence. Even after many years of state intervention they are deprived, denied and disempowered.

The present paper revolves around the idea that, why there is increasing rate of violence on Dalits? How far the Act has been successful in protecting the human rights of dalits? Whether there is any change in the rate of violence after the coming of the Act? The Khairlanji case is a big example where the people now serving the death penalty were acquitted under the SC/ST Act. Why has this happened? Is it lack of administration or failure of governance? The benefits of the SC/ST Act have not reached the tribal people. How far the Forest Rights Act have benefited the tribals and protected their right to land. What is the response of the state, media and civil society against such atrocities and how do we come up with the issue of justice of dalits and tribals in future. At the core of our constitution lies the essence of justice of dalits and tribals in future. The social justice and social democracy. Granville Austin has described the Indian constitution as "first and foremost a social document" (Sankaran, 2000:7). He further explained that, the majority of India's constitutional provisions are either directly arrived at furthering the aim of social revolution or attempt to foster this revolution by establishing conditions necessary for its achievement. The very same point was elaborated in eloquent terms by Dr. Ambedkar and Nehru. The basic objective of the PCR Act, 1955, sought to give effect to the constitutional provisions regarding enforcement of the civil rights to the downtrodden. However, the dimension of their exploitation and perpetration of atrocities on them by upper castes was to be dealt with under the normal penal

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'Human Rights' and 'Responsibility' - both the words in the book titled 'Human Rights And Responsibility' are differently treated - the former is plural and the latter singular. The reason is, for every individual human being there is a multiplicity of needs and desires that take recourse to rights afterwards on one hand, and on the other, responsibility or obligation refers to an individual, community or a group shouldering upon some social and environmental responsibilities.

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Pageed at more than 300 and published by J. T. S. Publications, New Delhi, this book will be available in paperback and hard cover.

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The book *Human Rights And Responsibility* echoes the myth, belief and his philosophy of life.

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