

Problems Faced by Transgender in Chennai City with Reference to their Accommodation and their Earnings

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Abstract

Transgender are often called as hijras aravani , ajak and usu in various places , transgender society have been completely abused and isolated from the society , the view on transgender society in common public is total disgusting , society is not ready to accept them as the transgender , day to day life transgender facing lots of problems and harassment from the common public .transgender don't have proper accommodation and proper sanitation, they will be isolated place or slum or near river banks (example coovum and adyar river)

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Introduction

Aravani or hijras is the common term for transgender in India, the standard of living of transgender is very pathetic, transgender often involve in begging, prostitution and stealing these are three main source of their income, many of transgender involve in begging and prostitution to earn money and run day to day life. Transgender not have much saving for their future, transgender won't live in a common area, generally the house owner won't rent their property for transgender, they have a fear and the acceptance of transgender as third gender is very low among the society, they live in a group for their safety purpose, the majority of transgender in Chennai live in saidapet koovum river bank and jaladipenpet and near Nungambakkam,

Income and their Standard of Living

In general transgender mainly involve three ways for their earnings

- Begging in local trains and in public place
- Prostitution
- Singing songs

Transgender often end up in domestic violations the society treats them differently from the common, only few transgender has a better standard of living and better job, they get the minimum amount from begging and their standard of living compared to common men and women in society are very poor they face lots of problems in the society in respect of their health and their accommodation in all ways. Transgender has not got big savings and they don't have bank accounts and no savings; they spent whatever they get from the day.

As per article "rights of transgender people - sensitizing officers to provide access to justice by hon'ble thiru. Justice p.sathasivam, judge, supreme court of India" it says more than 30000 transgender population is there in Chennai (approx.) But only very few transgender gets a job and their income level is a bit high compare to other transgender

Problems Faced by Transgender in their Accommodation

In chennai generally house owners or common people will not allow transgender to stay near to them or they won't rent their houses to transgender, though they are ready to pay rents, this is the main reason for why they stay in isolated places or in groups and they

face a lot of problems in finding accommodation . They stay in huts and they don't get proper sanitation and face lots of health issues which lead them to face big problems in the future.

The view on transgender in common society has not changed yet though Chennai is the most tolerant city for transgender people in Tamilnadu but yet awareness and the view on transgender is totally different, the common problems of transgender faced in their accommodation.

- There are no specific toilets for transgender they use the female toilets which common women's don't like
- They stay in slumps and near banks of coovom they face lots of health issues
- Common public are not ready to rent their houses for transgender they fear , they might bring problems and society will think bad about them
- Thought transgender got equal rights they have been neglected in the society

The following law states the rights of transgender

Thus the first and foremost right that they are deserving of being the right to equality under

Article 14. Article 15 speaks about the prohibition of discrimination on the ground of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.

Article 21 ensures right to privacy and personal dignity of all the citizens.

Article 23 prohibits trafficking in human beings as beggars and other similar forms of forced labor and any contravention of these provisions shall be an offence punishable in accordance with law

Problems in their Income

Transgender mostly involve in begging or asking money from the general public which often makes the public to have a bad image of their community, sometimes they involve in the act of prostitution, which affects their health

Transgender gets a minimum amount of money which they spend on their basic need of food, shelter and clothes, they earn around 200 to 300 rupees per day, if they fall sick, they wont to get sufficient money to run their day to day life, though NGO and government offerings them schemes, but these transgender are not aware of them, the reason behind this most of them are school dropouts.

Recommendation and Suggestion

- Separate law should be enforced for the protection of transgender and welfare of transgender society
- Police should protect transgender and take action against people who abuse and use violations against them
- Transgender must be provided with ration card , voter id passport and other essential documents
- Separate committee should be formed for their development and welfare of transgender
- School and colleges must have proper reservation and transgender should not be neglected or isolated from schools and educational institutions
- A sex-education program should be included as part of the school curriculum that
- Alters the society and change the view on them
- Vocational training centers should be established for giving the transgender
- New occupational opportunities

Solutions for the Transgender Problems

- Transgender should be properly censed and no transgender should left alone or omitted in the census
- Reservation like OBC/SC/ST should be given to transgender in all fields like education employment and welfare scheme's
- Proper awareness should be created in school level
- Since they face lot of health issues proper health facilities and medical treatment should be given and medical insurance should be provided free of cost.
- Media like cinema, tv social media should not project transgender as bad gender

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