

A STUDY OF REGIONAL IMBALANCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEMAND OF SEPARATE VIDARBHA STATE

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The committee of Indian constitution has been mentioned that **'India that is Bharat shall be union of the state'** in the first article of Indian constitution for creating the equality in a constituent state. But after independence the provincialism and sub-provincialism has been increased. The feelings or injustice and negligence by the Government created in the mind of people through backward and imbalance of various regions. These things creates social strike and agitation. Maharashtra is a topmost state in the field of industrial production in India. But Vidarbha and Marathwada regions are backward in compare of rest of the Maharashtra. Unfortunately after independence people are struggling for happy and rich life. So people are considered that without freedom they can't do their progress. In the sense or their own worth, people are demanding separate Telengana state in Andrapradesh as well as Vidarbha state in Maharashtra. At the beginning the leadership had been from the western Maharashtra. Therefore they used power for development and progress for the western Maharashtra. The planning of irrigation had been implemented effectively in western region as for as to compare of Marathwada and Vidarbha. So the western part of Maharashtra rapidly developed. Therefore due to imbalance people of Vidarbha has been demanding for separate state.

The demand for separate Vidarbha state-The region of Vidarbha spread over 97411 square k.m. and the population is near about 1,73,71,230. The Maharashtra government divided two divisions of Vidarbha (Nagpur and Amrawati). In Vidarbha there are 11 districts and 95 villages. The structure of society has a complete variety in compare with rest of the Maharashtra. The Vidarbha is a backward area from the establishment of united Maharashtra. Shri Yashwantrao Chavan had taken the responsibility for the development of agriculture and industry, but it is still undeveloped and far away from progress. This is the key issue of politics in Vidarbha. In congress convention at Lucknow, the separate independent Vidarbha state had been demanded in 1899. Then in

congress convention at Nagpur a resolution has been passed on lingual provincial structure in 1920. The commission of state reconstruction has been established under the presidency of Fazal Ali in 1953. This commission gave the permission for separate Vidarbha state because the revenue of the Vidarbha was 1.50 Crore. In Vidarbha the industrialization had been done in compare with Madhya Pradesh. It is concluded that Vidarbha will come forward with force due to the big market of cotton and definitely the cotton industry will get cotton from the market. At that time it was under control of Hindi lingual people by economically, culturally and politically. And Marathi speakers permitted for joining in Mumbai area under the agreement of 1956 of Nagpur. While establishment of united Maharashtra state in 1 May 1960, Vidarbha joined to Maharashtra under the agreement of Nagpur. In 1969 the leader of Vidarbha Mr. Vasanttrao Naik asserted that district should be the main unit of development rather than the regional development. So the agreement of Nagpur could not get importance.

The reasons of demanding separate Vidarbha-

As far as compare to remain Maharashtra; Vidarbha has a different by social structure. The Muslims and Non-Maharastrian are big in numbers in urban area. The more impact of Marwadi, Jaiswal and Rajput in Vidarbha. So they are demanding the separate Vidarbha state continually. While the economy of Vidarbha is depending on agriculture. The irrigation backlog is the impact of economy on the lifestyle of people. 65 percent irrigation backlog is remained in compare with the irrigation backlog of Maharashtra. In 1982 the irrigation backlog was 527.31 Crore in Vidarbha. In 2002-03; Mr. P.C. Alexander the Governor of Maharashtra ordered to provide the funds for irrigation but those funds did not available. In financial year 2005-06 Rs.1941 Crore made available for the project of irrigation. As the instruction of the Governor of Maharashtra Shri. S.M. Krishna, Rs.1257 Crore for Vidarbha, Rs.647 Crore for Marathwada and Rs.47 Crore for the development of Krishna river valley. But the Maharashtra Government expended Rs.850 Crore

for Vidarbha, Rs.412 Crore for Marathwada and rest Rs.500 Crore for the Krishna river valley. Due to such policy of the Government irrigation backlog increased continuously. Vidarbha is backward at the level of roads, education, technical education, health service, water supply, embankment and the development of orchard. In 1994 the backlog of irrigation was 1000 Crore then it increased continually. The picture of this backlog came forward through the human development project of the state. Index of human development in the districts like Gadchiroli, Buldhana, Chandrapur and Gondia is less as compare with other districts. The percentage of below poverty line is equal as a backward state. The problems of early pregnancy, death rate of malnourished child and the death rate delivered women became the rule of destiny. Farmers became bankrupts due to the continuous infertile and a famine. Through these problems the suicide cases have been increased. The Government of Shivsena and BJP announced the programmes as per 33 articles for the development of Vidarbha in 1996. That Government had given in importance to roads, irrigation

and canal. The programme was Rs.2700 Crore. Due to insufficient financial fund it became uncompleted. In financial year 2000-01 Rs.400 Crore has been permitted for the backlog of irrigation but it did not get. Due to party policies Vidarbha remained underdeveloped and unprogressive.

Although Vidarbha is fulfill and on rich by the rivers, fertile lands, forests, lakes, sufficient electricity for themselves different skills of human resources Vidarbha considers as a backward area. Vidarbha is backward region because political persons lack of will power.

Therefore the demand of separate Vidarbha came forward in Maharashtra.

Evaluation:-The demand of separate Vidarbha state is coming forward through the imbalance of regional development. This demand is powerful only through varieties of structural society. Vidarbha could not be developed due to the backlog of irrigation and other backlogs and it is not completed after the various remedies.

