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1.18 Crore Men Missing in India over past 4 years: NFHS-5

NFHS i.e. National Family Health Survey is conducted by IIPS along with other groups designated by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and is funded by USAID, UNICEF. Till date, 5 such surveys have been done and much of the reliance is placed by the Indian law makers on the NHFS data, when it comes to “assuming” about the ground realities.

The latest survey, NFHS-5 was done over 2019-2021 and recently some key highlights were published. The key findings are available on the NFHS website but we wish to draw the attention towards what was either ignored or celebrated big time to cover up the biggest “**GENDER-SCAM**” of India.

CRITICAL POINTERS:

- Sex Ratio (Female to Male) in NFHS-5 has become 1020 women over 1000 Men. In NFHS-4 (2015-2016), the same ratio was 991. So there is an increase of almost 3% i.e. 29/1000.
This is the celebration that most Feminist theory appeasers are having.
- Sex Ratio at birth increased 1% i.e. from 919 from 929 female over 1000 male from NFHS-4 to NFHS-5.
So, while there are only 10 additional female births, but there are 29 missing males from total population thus bringing the total loss of about 19 (i.e 1.9%) men. Even if we assume the total population to be same as Census 2011 of 62,37,24,248 total males, what we have lost is minimum 1,18,50,760 i.e. minimum 1.18 Crore.
- Population below 15 Years has fallen from 28.6% in NFHS-4 to 26.5% in NFHS-5. Which means, that as a country, we are getting older.
This also implies another derivation that the MISSING MEN of INDIA are mostly adults. The derivation also looks true, looking at the increase of suicides amongst men (Adults) as per NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs) data.
- Percentage of Women who did 10 Years schooling has increased by 5.3% while for Men, it has increased by 3.1% only between NFHS-4 to NFHS-5.
This also shows how the school dropout rate of Male gender is much higher than the Female Gender. Most boys are subjected to child labour and the number keeps growing. This is why, we see a lesser growth of 10Y schooling amongst boys/Men. But then, no one will ask this question to the Ministry of Women & CHILD development or Ministry of Education.
- Diabetes amongst Men is 15.6% as against 13.5% amongst Women as per NFHS-5.
- High Blood Pressure in Men also stands at 24% as against 21.3% amongst Women.
Thus, the biggest killers in India i.e. the Cardiac Issues and Diabetes, killed more men than women. But Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will continue to ignore this killer effect on men.
- Last but not the least, look at the Questionnaire of NFHS-5, which was a 96 page one for Women but just 38 page one for Men. So more so, that the questions about being victim of say Domestic Violence were NOT EVEN ASKED from Male gender, when there are various known cases, court observations around Men being victims of Domestic Violence. JUST THINK **WHY?**
- Earlier when we had sent our recommendation to NHFS-4 to include the question about Domestic Violence on Men too, in written reply to us they said, “It can’t be included at this stage as data module capturing software already finalised and our suggestion will be considered next time”. THOUGH THE SAME WAS NOT DONE IN NFHS-5 & the bias continued. Intentionally the same has been avoided to hide the actual data of Domestic Violence on Men.

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So, while NFHS has shown critical BIAS in its survey when done on either gender, the data shows very clearly that crimes that men are subjected to in the country are conveniently ignored by the society/laws/government. E.g.:

1. There are more than 1.18 Crores MISSING MEN. These Missing men also include Groom Burning, Husband Murder, Male Suicides as a big component. As per NCRB, Family Issues are the biggest reason of Suicides. India forces over 1.08 lakh men to commit suicide every year & the number keeps growing (already 2.5 times to that of Women) but no effort made by Government or Law Makers to reduce the same.
2. Of these MISSING MEN, more are from age more than 15 years. But “**11.8 MILLION INDIAN MEN MISSING**” won't be a campaign which will interest the world, as who cares about lives of Men?
3. Boys School Dropout rate, Boys Child Labour Rate and Boys sexual assault rate doesn't bother the society or the Government or the Law Makers. That's why the Law Makers conveniently made Boys an easier target of sexual crimes by making changes to the Rape Law. There is a clear intentional downplay of suffering of #Beta of India.
4. Men's Health will continue to be ignored as probably Breast cancer has higher importance than Prostate cancer or Life of Women, Plants; Animals are of higher value of that of Men.
5. Lastly, surveys like NFHS, which clearly scream of BIAS in their data selection and data collection will continue to be the basis of Law Making in India because CRIME AGAINST MEN will be ignored forever.

Hence, we strongly recommend following to the Government of India to:

1. **Issue a National Helpline for Suicide Prevention only for Men & Boys**
2. **Form National Commission for Men to look into clear issues faced by Male gender**
3. **Separate Child ministry from WCD Ministry and make it as a separate Ministry**
4. **Boys Education, Boys Child Labour, Boys Sexual Assault, all need to get same priority as that for girls**
5. **NFHS must be directed to have a Gender Neutral survey questionnaire, process for data collection [there can always be sections which may not be applicable to the one being surveyed]**

About Men Welfare Trust (MWT) & Save Family Foundation (SFF):

Registered NGOs in Delhi, Men Welfare Trust (MWT) & Save Family Foundation (SFF), work for safeguarding the interests of those Men who have been implicated in false cases because of the gross misuse of gender biased laws. We are involved in several PILs which effect men directly such as Marital Rape PIL. We provide free and selfless help to Men and their families who are victimised by the misuse of gender biased laws such as IPC 498A, Rape, Sexual Harassment, Domestic Violence, Custody, Maintenance etc. We provide brotherhood support to lakhs of Men & families in distress who have been victims of false cases which are filed by many women to cash in & extort from a failed relationship & settle personal scores. Our Members are also actively engaged in various other activities like research, documentation and publication on men's rights issues, and regularly appear on India's leading national news channels.

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