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Abstract

Social protection comprises those measures which aim at preventing, reducing and eliminating economic and social vulnerabilities to poverty and deprivation. Despite rapid growth over more than six decades, poverty and deprivation continue to affect large numbers of people across the world, and an estimated 80 percent of the population remains without access to adequate social protection cover. The fact that such large numbers of people continue to suffer from various deprivations and have low human capabilities represents tremendous squandered human and economic potential.

Social protection helps in the realization of human rights which are enshrined in universal declaration of human rights, international conventions, and national constitutions. Social protection measures can help to stabilize aggregate demand during economic crisis. As is pointed out in the report of the SPF advisory group, social protection represents a "win-win" investment that pays off both in the short term, gives its effect as macroeconomic stabilizer, and in the long term, due to the impact on human development and productivity.

The Indian constitution adopted in 1951 contains all the ingredients obliging the state to move towards the realization of socio-economic right. Indian's spending on social protection schemes constitutes approximately 1.6 percent of the GDP, which is relatively high for a low income country. The schemes can be broadly categorized as promotional, protective or preventive, depending on the type of intervention (World Bank 2011b).

The major thrust of this article (India's social protection system: Issues and challenges) is to study the issues of objectives of SPS along with the challenges of the poor people of urban and rural area's in India. And again we discuss that how the government can provide the better life of those people by giving some social service.

The paper concludes that social protection system is regarded as an important issue of government of India. Therefore, government action has positive impact not only a development of urban and rural community but also in their health.

Keywords: Social Protection, Social Vulnerabilities, Deprivations, Human Capabilities, Human Rights, International Conventions, National Constitutions, Stabilize Aggregate Demand, Indian Constitution, Macroeconomic Stabilizer, "Win-Win".

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