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**Seeking Security to Life : A Sociological Analysis**

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For any 'organism' to sustain its existence, assurance of security becomes the most important pre-requisite or precondition for life. In the Darwinian sense, the struggle for existence at micro-level is found in the nature. But the manmade system for existence have faulty elements. These faulty-elements seem to be the basis of crises in human life. The assurance of security in terms of food, clothing and shelter, has become first level consumption requisites without which life cannot be sustained. With these basic needs another set of second level basic needs are recognized as health and education. Both these two set of bare needs have inter linkages. The whole system of life-support system operates on the basis of assurance of security, and basic – pre-conditional requisite. Without security the life cannot move on. In the crisis of insecurity the life is endangered. Therefore, human species and other species forced first to seek security of space to stay on, to live and further advance their existence. In the light of such perspective, the concept of security notes the fact that at the factual level any pattern of life requires stability and this

stability occurs only when there is security of living space consisting natural and man-made environment. So, seeking security to life contains efforts made by the individual, groups, community or society as a whole for allotting the energy for protecting and securing the life for present and future life. For any community, group, society, diverting some amount of funds /sources to create a force / power for handling the problem of protection, some section of the community / society, has emerged as a specialised segment to perform the those activities which involves use of weapons, Skills and knowledge of defence and offence. The division of labour in the society goes on developing to such an extent that the whole system operates with nexus of sub-systems. The security force containing human power and their weapons becomes part and parcel of society system's existence. And it always operates at will of dominant section(s) of the society, since the security force sustains its existence on the supply of required resources and funds diverted by the governors of economy.

The countries /nations in the whole world are in one way or other come in contact in terms of trade: import - export

activities. Human history shows that the globalization in ancient time existed and never stopped. The transactions seemed to occur over lengthy time. Road and sea routes were the only paths of contacts. There were no aeroplanes. In the present era, with high progress in science and technology, the vast world is becoming a small village, because of air-ways.

The whole world is one transforming into one system with variety of socio-cultural styles of life patterns. But, the economic life of the various countries /nations have been governed by certain economic and political laws. In the sociological perspective, whether functional or conflict, people the world are organised for meeting their needs and the interests. The people of the world are engaged not in hotch – poch ways, but in a systemic ways laid in their written and unwritten constitutions.

The leading nations through their leaders have been initiating actions and consequently the results for the same, they are sensed as positive and for others negative for some profitable and for others loss, for some beneficial and for others harmful. The reward systems or appreciating institutions exhibit partiality. The strifes, struggles, conflicts within and between the nations indicate the fact that the whole system contains both harmonious and disharmonious relations among the people. They are themselves known by different positions/statuses/prestige and even titles. There are the realities of human lives.

In the globalising era, every human group /society is affected by the changing man-made systems and natural environmental aspects. In this paper, the focus is on the urban life which is encircled by uncertainty situations. The urbanization and industrialization all over the world, have given birth to security problems. The very issue of uncontrolled industrial growth and with open market system have led to disrupt the assurance of basic needs as a whole.

For managing, even small shopping centre, educational institutions, and temples etc. the security problems is faced with. Now a days, educational and religions, political, economic and judicial domains are seeking more protection and assurances of security for sustaining their systems.

During the field-visits, it is noticed that women security force (guards) has become so important and essential for leading life. Both govt. and non-govt. agencies have been the attempting to provide security but face a number of problems, issues. The increasing economic inequalities, unemployment and crises in the political systems have been accentuated the problems of security at higher level. The life of people and property of them are said to be in the endangered situation. The security is given by the governing organ of the society, seems to be insufficient.

Agencies of providing Women Security Guards (WSG) have emerged due to government's policy. The agencies which one operating in the Kolhapur city

have been listed for study. During the field-visits the women security guards who are engaged in protecting the properties and life have shown variety of aspects of their profession. There are a few WSG whose responses to the question raised by the investigator throw light on endangered life even in this small city.

WS.G. are normally appointed by the ex-defence personnel, who have got the licence from the Govt. to run agency of providing security force. Private Security Agencies are governed by their own rules and regulations which are approved by the State Govt. The certification of registration is obtained by the agencies located in Kolhapur.

### **Women Security Guards Of Kolhapur City:**

During the day time, it is reported that the theft activities take place. The dangerous situation arises when the thief himself don't bother of his life but aims to kill the guard and escape. Some –time the Guards are attacked. The women security guards face verbal threats / abuses etc. The gundas threaten the life of women security guards.

As far as remuneration of women security guards are concerns, the agencies decide the salary, which is arbitrarily fixed. There is no security of regular payments, to the women security guards. Even then, these women provide security to their employer. The job of the women security guards involves risk of their life too.

### **Preliminary Observations:**

1. Defence Ex-service men have govt. licences to run the agency of providing men and Women Security Guards to those who seek security force
2. Agreements between Security guards, Agencies and the private persons / organizations/shops /offices are undertaken.
3. The salary to Women Security Guards is given after the deductions.
4. The assurance of appointment is temporary.
5. Continuation of services of Women Security Guards depend on the requirement of Agencies.
6. There are no permanent appointment.
7. Life Security is shown but it is of temporary nature.
8. Uniforms are provided by the Agencies.
9. Strict govt. Service Rules are not observed by the employers.
10. On duties, if injuries occur, the Agencies take care of them.
11. Women Security Guard's income has become as basic means of livelihood in majority cases.
12. Women Security Guards face new problems such as achieved new role as Women Security Guards itself becomes unbearable to conservative people.
13. Both ascribed roles and achieved roles are simultaneously performed.
14. Women Security Guards as force is sensed as one of the empowering elements in the life of Women.