

## COMMUNITY SURVEY OF HOUSES.

It was a very good experience during the survey. We had visited different places, the first place we visited was **Ghatla Mukti Nagar and Khardeo Nagar which is in Chembur**. Most of the residents were not ready for the survey. Some of them hesitated and few were not inserted. We met many ladies who didn't even know their parents name, their age, and also their income. We noticed that the children who go to school said that the school is good and it provides all the facilities. The houses in Ghatla were small in size and they had common public toilet that is sulabh sauchalay. The some parents were very co-operative and they gave all the necessary information which we asked. There was a gutter which we call as NALA was open and people were living around it.

We came across a family in which the lady has only one son and he was in 10<sup>th</sup> standard. The condition of the house was very bad the father of that boy was not well. He was paralyzed and mother just earns 2500 rupees a month. She said that as soon as possible the boy will give his board exam she will send the boy to do some work so that he can earn and they can get food for 2 times. As his father is not well and mom goes out for cooking he was not going to school regularly said his mother, but the boy said that there is no one to take care of father as his mother has to work. So he is not able to study and was losing interest.

There was a joint family where grandparents, three sons, three daughter in laws each one with 2 to 3 children going to private school. Only the elder grandson goes to BMC School but from 7<sup>th</sup> standard he dropped out because he was no more interested in studies. From 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> standard he uses to go to private school of English medium. Because of his poor results his parents shifted him from private to BMC school i.e. Marathi medium. But studding 4 years in English medium and suddenly shifted to Marathi medium from 5<sup>th</sup> standard it was difficult for him to study and was having a hard time to cope with others. I think because of this he must have dropout. But his grandparents, aunty, and uncle were grumbling that his parents are trying very much to give him education but he only watch TV all the time and plays. He doesn't talk to anybody in the house. His elder brother is studding in 9<sup>th</sup> standard and is good in studies.

In same area we had gone in different houses and we came to know the different problems of each one. From one family we came to know about a girl her name was Pooja Dhate her aunty [father's sister] was there. Pooja is in 9<sup>th</sup> stander and is good in study and is interested studying further. She said when Pooja was very small her [Pooja's] father expired. After father's death her three elder sisters were living together. But after few days her mother left them and went away. So Pooja's aunty got her home. Her three sisters are living with their grandmother [father's mother]. Her sisters are doing cooking work to get some money.

Then we had gone to Kamble family's house. They have two daughters and one son. Both the girls are going to B M C School and son is going to Swami Muktanand High School which is a private school. We came to know showing difference between daughters son was very common. Kamble's daughters who are going to B M C School are good in study and also they have interest in study. But his son was not interested in study and skipped school regularly.

After that we had gone to Guhagarkar family's house. They have a daughter who is married but was staying with her parents along with her son and daughter called Manaswee, because her husband was an Alcoholic. Manswee's mother was doing household work and taking care of Manswee's grandparents and her brother. Manswee is in 2<sup>nd</sup> standard. She doesn't like to study and is restless. But her younger brother is going to school regularly.

The other place was **P. L. Lokhande Marg. In that the area we visited Ekta Nagar.** There was a mother whose children go to Chembur station B M C School. The lady was saying that the teachers are least bothered about the studies they don't pay attention on the students and if the parents ask the teachers to give attention on student's studies so the teachers say that send them to tuitions where they can learn. In another family there was a lady whose husband passed away 2 years back and was having 3 daughter. Two elder daughters are working in a shop and the other in a mall the third one is studying in 10<sup>th</sup> standard. The mother is doing maid work. All together they are getting 12500 rupees in a month. So the third child will also stop studying after 10 standards she will start earning. After 27 years her brother in law came back and now he is claiming the house. He is after her to sell the house and to give him half amount of that house.

The next place was **Ramabai colony [Kamraj Nagar] area.** There we met Ramabai B M C School students and we went to their houses. We came to know that the school provides all the facilities including co-curricular activities. There we met one lady she had two daughters. Her husband was an astrologer [**Haath baghun bhavishya sangto**]. They are getting 100/150Rs. Per client. The lady was illiterate and husband studied up to 4<sup>th</sup> STD. There we also met a lady who serves mid-day meal in that school. She said that the number of student in each medium is decreasing day by day. The reason for this which she gave was that the teachers have retired. There are no new teacher's appointed and the parents are least bothered about the studies so the students are also not interested in studies because in each class rooms 2 or 3 different standard students are sitting together and even sometimes different division students sits together. The lady said that I am serving food since last 10 to 12 years but I just get 1000 rupees per month till now. There was another lady who is having 4 children whose ages are 10,8,6 and 5 years and the age of lady is just 26 years old and her husband is 32 years old and her house was very small. Her mother-in-law is working as a children care taker in Dubai. Earlier her mother in law use to send them money but now she stopped sending because her son is working in R- City mall and he is

getting Rs. 10000 salary. The lady studied up to 7<sup>th</sup> standard from Marathi medium school. And her husband studied up to 10<sup>th</sup> standard from English medium school. When we ask her why did you both dropped out the school? She said **“kaya karu pyar anddha hai? Ab shadi jo ki. Ab pachta rahi hai”**. It was inter cast marriage. The girl was from Maharashtra and her husband from Bihar. Out of four girls two girls said we both are Marathi and these two girls are bihari.

There we met one more family. The husband was working in R- City mall. And mother was house wife. They have two children one son and one daughter. They were good looking. Her house was very small in size and in L shape .That was a rental house for that they pay 3500 Rs. per month. Because of children’s education they came from village to Mumbai. Both the children are good in studies and also other activities. There we met one more joint family the elder one was not doing anything and was very aggressive. He was just going on saying **Aamcha reshan card band kale**. He was an Alcoholic. But the younger one is auto Rickshaw driver. Their house was very untidy and dirty with common public toilet. Their used vessels were kept near the door outside the house many house flies were on the vessels.

Another place was **Amar Mahal** where we met a girl who is not able to listen properly and she is not physically fit also. She goes to Tilak Nagar BMC School her mother was asking for her help if we can provide her daughter with some kind of hearing aid or like that so she can live her life peacefully and can learn something.