

A SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SOCIAL FACTORS THAT AFFECT MINOR DAUGHTERS TO BECAME MOTHERS (BASED ON DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT OF HOROWPATHANA, ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT)

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Introduction

According to the sociologists teenage mothers are the major problem in the present society which is discovered internationally. Especially in Asian countries the teenage marriages are common. As a developing country Sri Lanka suffers from this major problem. As we elaborate the grassroots of this problem we can identify some reasons behind the teenage pregnancies. These are some of the key points behind this social problem.

- Teenage love affairs
- Sexual abuses
- Poverty
- Unstable families
- Insecurity of the children

Because of that reason parents force their children to get married if they are below eighteen. The early marriage influences teenage pregnancies. When comparing with the properly married mothers, teenage mothers suffer physically mentally and socially. Due to that situation number of child pregnancies are been increased in Sri Lanka. Do you think social deviance is the reason to

increase the problem of teenage mothers? The following section will discuss the causes of teenage mothers.

Objectives and Methodology

The main purpose of this study is to concern some factors which affect to become teenage mother. In this paper we are concerning some painful environment of the teenage mothers; their physical, mental and their social obstacles. Primary data has been gathered through questionnaires, interviews and participation observation. Book references, magazines, news papers and internet used as secondary data sources. This field of study is based on health inspection division in Horowpathana. This research was done in four Grama Niladari Divition, Rathnakawewa, Parangiyawadiya , Morakewa and Horowpathana.

Results and Discussion

By evaluating these statistics it eliminates the following results. According to our research 37% got

married at the age of 15 and 48% got married at the age of 16 & 17. Married 15% of them are physically and mentally not fit for the frequency. Once we consider their level of education out of forty mothers we identified thirty one mothers have studied up to grade 8 and 10. The other 9 of them studied up to Advance level. Majority of them have low level of education. This situation dings a bad impact for their families, society as well as the growth of national economy. These below eighteen mothers are unable to perform their duties for their children. This is a kind of arguable condition. Can teenage mother take responsibility of their family?

When considering their marriage life 25% of them have been married according to their parent's aspiration. Our discussion elaborates of parents influenced to get marry their teenage daughters. When we concern about the economical conditions of the teenage mothers' majority of them comprise low income. There are 75% families earn less than Rs. 10,000 per month. In this families their income is depend on their husband's profession but that also not permanent. This makes poor.

According to analysis the main impacts of the teenage, marriages are their family background, low income, unstable community, uneducated parents and children. It is clear that unstable community is one of the causes of children becoming teenage mother. Not only unstable community but also parents go out to earn money. The distance between parents and children, close friendship, their family background, persuasion of Media also causes for the growing teenage

mothers. Poor cultural influences are major root cause for this. These families have been lived during the post war period. As the ruins of war it makes culturally broken minded people.

When a teenage girl who was not ready physically and mentally to be pregnant she has to face lot of obstacles. This situation effects the sentimental of their marriage life as well as the trustworthiness between the two parties. These families have to be educated form the grass root level. It is time to take some responsibilities of their children through parents, teachers' as well as the media. They can motivate their children by teaching the importance of having a good education.

Sex education is the most important concept and by this we can remove some negative attitudes of students. Child personalities can be developed through the education. Through the women empowerment and awareness programme help to develop the self confidences of teenage mothers. It is worth to blend the children with the society to avoid that kind of social problems. It provides the major path to children once they build their personalities though their own experiences. This is the natural way of socialization.

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