

M. A. [SOCIOLOGY]

II – SEMESTER [Core Courses (Compulsory)]

2.1 RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Unit – I:

Agrarian and Peasant Social Structure – Basic Characteristics of Peasant and Agrarian Society, Family, Caste, Religion, habitat and Settlement

Unit – II:

Modes of Production and Agrarian Relation – Tenancy Lands and Labour: Agrarian Legislation and Rural Social Structure, Rural Poverty, Emigration, Landless Labour

Unit – III:

Planned Change for Rural Society – Panchayati Raj, Local Self Government and Community Development Programmes and Rural Development Strategies

Unit – IV:

Major Agrarian Movements in India – A Critical Analysis. Peasant Revolts in India before 1920 – Agrarian Conflict in Malabar – The Bardoli Satyagraha – The Tebhaga Movement – The Telangana Peasant Movement

Unit – V:

Globalisation and its impact on Agriculture; Water and Agriculture – Irrigation, Management Practices. Green revolution and its impact on sustainable development

Essential Readings:

- 1) Berch, Berberogue, Ed. 1992; Class, State and Development in India 1, 2, 3 and 4 chapters, Saga, New Delhi
- 2) Desai, A. R. 1977. Rural Sociology in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay
- 3) Mencher J. P., 1983. Social Anthropology of Peasantry, Part III, OUP
- 4) P. Radhakrishnan, 1989; Peasant Struggles; Land Reforms and Social Change in Malabar 1836 – 1982. Sage Publications, New Delhi.
- 5) Thorner, Daniel and Thorner Alice, 1962. Land and Labour in India, Asia Publications, Bombay
- 6) Andre Betille, 1974. Six Essays n Comparative Sociology, OUP, New Delhi
- 7) Dhanagare, D. N., 1988. Peasant Movements in India, OUP, New Delhi.
- 8) Ashish Nandy, 1999. Ambiguous Journey to the City, New Delhi, OUP

2.2 URBAN SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Unit – I:

Community and Definition, Physical and Social Bases, Differences between Urban and Rural Communities, Folk – Urban Continuum, Urbanism as a Way of Life, Types and Characteristics of Cities, Urbanization and Over-urbanization.

Unit – II:

Urbanization: Urbanization in Developed and Developing Countries, Urbanization in India, Sociological, Historical and Demographic Perspectives, Migration and Urbanization in India, Components of Urbanization

Unit – III:

Sociological, Functional and Demographic Characteristics of India Cities, Urban Social Organization, Kinship and Family, Caste and Class, Formal Groups and Social Mobility

Unit – IV:

Problems of City: Poverty, Unemployment and Nutrition, Slums, Housing and Civic Services, Pollution and Crime

Unit – V:

Urban Administration, Planning and Development, national Policy on Urbanization, Goals and Resource Allocation, Planned City Growth, Urban Community Development

Readings:

- 1) Bose Ashish: Studies in India's Urbanization 1901 – 1971
- 2) Breare, Gerald (ed.): Urbanization Newly Developing Countries
- 3) Clinard, Marshall, B: The Slums and Community Development
- 4) Desai A. R and Devadas: Slums and Urbanization
- 5) Ranga Rao, K and M.S.A. Rao: Cities and Slums
- 6) M.S.A. Rao: Urban Sociology in India
- 7) Viswanadham: Urban Demography and Ecology
- 8) Ranga Rao, K: Cities and Social Life: A Review of Sociological
- 9) Rule W and Prasad (ed): The Conspectus of India Society
- 10) Morries, R. N.: Urban Sociology (Chapter 1, 2 only)
- 11) DeSouza Alfred (ed): The Indian City
- 12) K. Radhakrishna Murthy (ed): Urbanization at the New Millennium: The Indian Perspective, AU Press, 2001

2.3 MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

Unit – I:

Talcott Parsons: The Theory of Social Action and Social System – Pattern Variables –
Merton: Social Structure and Anomie, Manifest and Latent Functions

Unit – II:

Structuralism as a school of thought – Contributions of Radcliffe Brown and
Levistrauss – Functionalism and its different shades – A critique and reformulation of
functional analysis

Unit – III:

Conflict School and its Different Shades – Functional Analysis of Conflict by Simmel
and Coser – Dialectical approach of Marx and Dehrendorf

Unit – IV:

Symbolic Interactionism of Cooley, Mead and Blumer Social Exchange Theory of
Homans and Blau

Unit – V:

Phenomenology as a Branch of Knowledge in Sociology and the contributions made
by Husserl and Schurz; Ethnomethodology of Garfinkel. Critical Theory:
Contributions of Adorno and Harbermas, Dramaturgy, Feminist Theory and Post
Modern theories: Contributions of Foucault and Derrida

Readings:

- 1) Turner, J : The Structure of Sociological Theory
- 2) Collins, R : Sociological Theory
- 3) Abraham M. Francis: Modern Sociological Theory
- 4) Merton : Social Theory and Social Structure
- 5) Craib, Ian : Modern Social Theory, from Parsons to Habermas

2.4 SOCIAL STATISTICS

Unit – I:

Role and Importance of Statistical Methods in Social research – Uses and Abuses in the Application of Statistical Techniques – Limitations

Unit – II:

Analysis of the Data – Variables and Attributes and their classification – Tabulation of the Data – Types of Tables – Features of a Scientific Table

Unit – III:

Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Deviation, Coefficient of Variation

Unit – IV:

Simple Correlation – Karl Pearsons Coefficient of Correlation – Spearman's Rank Correlation; Association of Attributes: Yules Coefficient of Association, Chi-square Test of Significance

Unit – V:

Uses of Computer and its Software in Social Science Research – Role of Graphs and Diagrams in Research Report – Report Writing – Qualities of a Scientific Report; Role of Bibliography

Readings:

- 1) Elhance, D. N. : Fundamentals in Statistics
- 2) Haggood and Price : Statistics for Sociologists
- 3) David Dooley : Social Research Methods
- 4) Bajaj and Gupta : Elements in Statistics – 1972

2.5 SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Unit – I:

Concepts of Development and Underdevelopment; Underdevelopment in Historical Perspective; Imperialism, capitalism, Neocolonialism and Underdevelopment

Unit – II:

Society, Economy and Polity in India during the British Rule; Socio-economic Problems of South Asia and India since 1950s; Social Policy and Planning in India; Land Reforms, Green Revolution, Agricultural Development

Unit – III:

Models of Development; Western Capitalism, Socialist Model, Chinese Model, Japanese Model, Mixed – Economy, Impact of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization on Development Models

Unit – IV:

Migration and development; Industrial Development; Urban Development; Education, Science, Technology and development; Population and Development; Development of Social Sector, Gender and development; Youth and Development

Unit – V:

Measurement of Development and its Dimensions; Indices of Development: Levels of Poverty; Literacy, Fertility and Mortality, Quality of Life; Women Empowerment, Democracy, Freedom and Human Rights

Readings:

- 1) Henry Bernstein (ed): Underdevelopment and Development
- 2) Peter Worsley (ed): Problems of Modern Society
- 3) Jolly, Kadt, Singer & Wilson (ed): Third World Employment
- 4) Baran, P: Political Economy of Growth
- 5) Peter Worsley: The Third World
- 6) B. Higgins: Economic Development: Principles, Problems and Policies
- 7) J. Bhagawati: The Economics of Underdevelopment Countries
- 8) Safa Du Toit: Migration and Development
- 9) A.G. Frank: Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America
- 10) T. Shanin: Peasants and Peasant Societies
- 11) Hoelitz and Moore: Industrialization and Society
- 12) J. W. Mellor: Developing in Rural India
- 13) Anderson & Bowman (ed): Education and Economic Development
- 14) A. K. Sen: Choice of Technology: A Critical Survey of Class Debates
- 15) UNDP: Human Development Reports since 1990
- 16) K. Radhakrishna Murthy et. al: Readings in Sociology of Development, AU Press 2002