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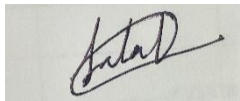
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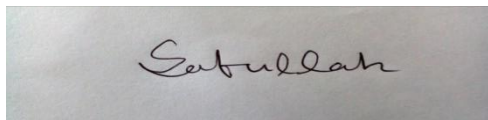
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Abstract

Greed is the main reason for dowry. It is clothed in demand, extortion and profiteering. The main motive behind the dowry system is to promote the life of barbars and their family members, increasing consumerism, excessive consumption, status quo and a prosperous and luxurious political life. Dowry patterns have changed as a result of women's increasing paid labor force power. In many cases the husband or in-laws' control and appropriate women's income. Husbands raise his wife's income as a source of income. Generally, Bangladesh is a poor country. Our various social problems are solved. Poverty is a big problem. The problem of dowry is the beginning. A social problem for dowry status. If the girl has any physical problems, if there is family pressure or if there is a big one, physical problems of dowry can be seen. Muslims are the main cause of increase in dowry in our country. It is a fact that the Dowry Prevention Act needs to be amended. In this portal I have promised that allocation of income to wives or wife income should be regulated as dowry and hence treated as a criminal offence.

Abbreviations

BD : **Bangladesh**

HCD : **The High court Division**

SC : **The Supreme Court**

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CHAPTER 1

Introductory Chapter

1.1 Introduction

Dowry is a social disorder. Its poisoning affects in our whole society. Although the dowry system increasing nowadays. It has been happening since ancient times. This hone could be a revile in women's life.¹ Multitudinous ladies are continually being persecuted and abused since of endowment. In a male overwhelmed society, women's cheerful family is breaking up beneath the revile of endowment. The social and human nobility of ladies is being abused by the settlement. The dowry framework not as it were debasing ladies but also slows down the improvement of the complete country by hindering the improvement of the whole female nation. Generally, Bangladesh could be a destitute nation. Since of its destitution we have to be confronting different issues counting different social issues. Destitution is an issue that influences not as it were one individual or family but too numerous others. The share issue too begun from that. Settlement is additionally a social issue for Bangladesh. Concurring to the Bangladesh Mohila Parishad, in 2018, 102 women were killed due to dowry. However, this information is considered a partial picture as much information is not published in newspapers. According to Bd Police, 6728 dowry cases have been filed in the last two years. Giving

¹ Dowry problem still exists in Bangladesh, Explain the dowry system in Bangladesh and its prevention measure
[Dowry problem still exists in Bangladesh, Explain Dowry system in Bangladesh and its prevention measure | The Lawyers & Jurists \(lawyersjurists.com\)](http://www.lawyersjurists.com)

and receiving dowry is legally prohibited in Bangladesh but still dowry is a very recognized thing in the society of Bangladesh. If the girl has any physical problems, if the skin color is suppressed or if the girl is in a big job, its amount increases. This is the main reason behind the rise of dowry in our country.

1.2 Background of the study

To begin with, I examined Muslim law of Bangladesh. Science here we are talking approximately settlement framework. Agreeing to the law of Bangladesh giving dowry and taking dowry both are violation of law. In expansion, in the event that somebody commit suicide due to dowry, the culprit is culpable by life detainment. Giving to taking share has been prohibited in Bangladesh since 1980. Be that as it may, from time to time within the nation, there are reports of spouses being tormented or detained for requesting dowry without getting endowment. Some of the times there some cases of ladies committing suicide as they cannot giving the dowry request of the husband family.²

In spite of the fact that the nation has moved forward in numerous ways, the social of mind towards ladies has not changed much in our nation. Ladies are still not treated with same status as men they have not been enabled indeed nowadays as a result share has got to be paid at the time of marriage and men think it's their blame it cannot be

² [The dowry problem still exists in Bangladesh](#)

disposed of without a alter in our mental state and strict authorization of the law.

Dowry could be an ordinary convention which taken after in Bangladesh. Dowry custom is a later issue it has been practiced since old age. As Hindu law ladies don't acquire any property, they are given everything amid their marriage. Hence dowry framework is raised in Hindu religion to begin with. Afterward the Muslims and individuals from other religion, moreover begum to consolidate this convention. In spite of the fact that it was a intentional hone at the starting, It has gotten to be a constrained convention presently. A few might contend that dowry framework is common it was in ignorant minimal segment. Be that it may, unfortunately they overlook the fact that the well-off taught segment of the society contributes to the issue within the same way. As wealthy individuals given dormant readily and they title it as marriage blessing, they don't consider it as dowry. Since in this prepare bride is considered a medium of cash and riches, marriage is getting to be a commercial transaction. Moreover, the request for endowment does not halt within the time.

1.3 Objective of the study

The objectives of this research are Legal Study on Dowry System in Bangladesh. The other objective of the research is:

- a. To analyze about the dowry extinction.
- b. To analyze how to increasing dowry system.
- c. To discuss what are the laws dowry in Bangladesh.
- d. To analyze actually how those laws are applied in Bangladesh.
- e. To make a comparison of Bangladesh and India regarding law.
- f. To suggest some probable to solutions under this topic.

1.4 Review of Literature

I have reviewed more than books and many articles. This book explains the Muslim Personal Law dowry system in Bangladesh but does not cover everything. I reviewed this book. But I have collected some information in this book. And Islam and Women's Income: Dowry and Law in Bangladesh This book contains much information to reduce dowry practices in our country. Then give more than informational articles, legal research papers.

³Women's domination in Bangladesh (2004). article observed that under the 1961 Muslim family law ordinance. The women's has

³ Socio-Econoinic Impact of Dowry System in Bangladesh: The Problems and Remedies. Manarut International University Studies, Vol.I, No.OI, July 2008

inherited less than male relatives do and wives have fewer divorce right than husband.

Monsoor (2003), mentioned that the study in the city of Dhaka. It was revealed that 88% of Muslim wives did not received any dower at all. Gender dimensions of poverty in Bangladesh (2004) if the dowry does not correspond to what the bridegroom or his parents demand the marriage fact can be broken off, in which case the family of the bride is socially blamed. As protection against utter emptiness should she lose her husband through separation or death, under Islamic law in Bangladesh girls can lay claim on a certain sum for him, the mohorana, to be to be given her either when she marries or in case of divorce .But this does not happen either first because many women are not aware of this right and second because insisting on it would expose a woman to social censure and risk of losing her husband's good will. If women do demand the mohorana in case of divorce then her chances of remarriage plummet.

It is definitely a social disease The view of girls in our society has not changed Giving and receiving dowry in marriage is still common in our society But there is an anti-dowry law in Bangladesh But those who give and take dowry do not care about this law But there are loopholes in the law This dowry is very dishonorable for a girl Because of this, girls are victims of child marriage The older the girl is, the more dowry should be paid for her Dowry is being given and taken in different ways even in high class families 87% of our girls

are victims of domestic violence The lion's share of it is due to dowry This has come out in the report of the Bureau of Statistics Even after 10 years of marriage, girls are being tortured due to dowry, putting pressure on her family Unless it is stopped, women empowerment, child marriage can be stop or girls can never be brought to a dignified status Torture and killing for dowry is going on in the country.

1.5 Problem statement

Dowry is a social disease, which is being treated as a tool for women. Every day some women are being victimized by policy and legal aspects of this evil practice. The country's dowry fighting laws are not permanently stopping this abominable practice. Many women are lost every year due to dowry. Some choose to commit suicide to escape. Part of the attempt to create incidents due to dowry was revealed in the media. The country's dowry fighting law is as limited in its application as it is no less wasteful. Sometimes the ⁴Dowry Act is misused to seize the opponent. In the Dowry Movement Act, the status of death of criminals as a public health death is permanent and they are unable to pay dowry due to lack of social security.

I face a lot of problems when I go to collect data to our next house. Faces more than problem. I had a plan to go home to the village. But I could not go because of the rain. This reason i collect secondary

⁴ Dowry is a social disease

data. When i go to collected primary data, I face some problem. Some person didn't and my question. I find out more than reason of dowry system increased. The main reason for the dowry system is greed. In many cases, the boy's family marries the boy early for the sake of money. When I collect this. I face more than problem.

1.6 Research Question

- a. What are the main factors for increasing dowry problem in Bangladesh?
- b. What are the provisions of law applicable in Bangladesh relating dowry?
- c. What are the main impacts of dowry system in Bangladesh?

1.7 Methodology

The study will be doctrinal and analytical in nature, and will make use of both primary and secondary sources available on the subject.

The entire process was based on secondary data. To prepare these research papers, fact books, journals, some case references and websites, newspapers and regular publications and websites and internet. It could be better if I should use the context field and give you permission. I want to do it; I can't use it on fire. This research is done by document research.

1.8 Limitation

This research has some limitation which is very specific on particular point that this article will not cover on this issue that how this crime will be stopped in short time. The plausibility of satisfactory information to carry out a inquire about errand appropriately. There are impediments within the accessibility of sources of data and archives. This all of them my research can use to dowry system in our country. I have come a long way with my research topic. I have faced many problems. Could not continue for long due to rain. Then I tried my best. To collect primary data and secondary data. Simple and sample method.

1.9 Rational of the study

First, I studied Muslim law of Bangladesh. Because here we are talking about dowry system. Muslim law mentions dowry punishment. But not mention how reducing dowry system. Then I go to primary data can collect.⁵ And collect some Data. Then I collect secondary data books and web site article research followed. Then I find out the main problem of why increased dowry system .I am doing working research on Reducing of dowry system. I have basically tried to find out what is the main reason for the increase in the dowry system. I got the news from my village house. I had planned to go but could not go due to rain. After that I collected a lot of things. I will try to highlight everything. I went to different places in Dhaka city and

⁵ <https://ro.uow.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=&httpsredir=1&article=2532&context=lhapapers>

collected primary data. I have learned a lot. What is the reason for the dowry system? It's very bad in our society. The main reason of Reducing Dowry system is child marriage. It's a biggest problem in our country. The legal marriage age is 18 especially for girls in our country. But special cases marriage is allowed before this age subject to parental permission. The legal marriage of marriage is 18, some countries prefer custom over the law. Affected of child marriage both boys and girls. Girls are more affected, especially due to low socioeconomic status. Many child marriages involved only one minor. Girls are more victim of child marriage. The causes of child marriage are mainly – poverty, dowry, social, custom, laws supporting child marriage, religious and social pressure, regional customs, fear of remaining unmarried, illiteracy and perceived inability of girls to earn.

Chapter 2

Dowry System in Bangladesh

2.1 What is Dowry system?

Dowry is definitely a social disorder the view of girls in our society had not changed Giving and receiving dowry in marriage was still common in our country. But there was an anti-dowry law in Bangladesh but those who give and take dowry doesn't care about the law but there are loopholes in the law. This dowry was very dishonorable for a girl Because of the girls are victims of child marriage. The older the girl, the more dowry should be paid for her. Dowry being given and taken in different ways even in high class families 87% of our girl's victims of domestic violence. The lion's share of it was due to dowry This has come out in the report of the Bureau of Statistics Even after 10 years of marriage, girls tortured due to dowry reason, keep pressure on her family Unless it is stopped, women empowerment, child marriage can be stopped or girls can never be brought to a dignified status Torture and killing for dowry is going on in the country.

⁶In Bangladesh dowry may be a design of marriage installments dowry straight for warmly or watchfully generally some time recently the wedding. The hone of the payment of dowry marriage has created within the society primarily within the 1970. In course of time this

⁶ Dowry and domestic violence in Bangladesh

social fiendish has ended up endemic. which is truly influencing the live of hitched ladies. In her well composed book titled (crime or custom) dowry hone in country Bangladesh. Shahan Nasrin Humanist at the college of Dhaka has made an endeavor to address the reasons behind the predominant hone of endowment in Bangladesh.

2.2 Is Dowry higher in villages than in cities

We will say it was going on everywhere in village or city. Village was visible. There it said that if dowry is not given. The girl will not get married If you are older. you will pay more dowry. But dowry was being given and taken in various 'formats' in the city Here the upper classes are running it in various ways, jobs, cars, houses, banks. We cannot socially boycott the givers and takers. we cannot boycott them socially then we cannot stop dowry system.

2.3 The Dowry problem still exists in Bangladesh

Custom is something that has been going on for ages concurring to the custom of a specific bunch but endowment isn't. Or maybe, it is certainly a social clutter. The see of young ladies in our society has not changed Giving and accepting endowment in marriage is still common in our society but there's an anti-dowry law in Bangladesh. But those who allow and take endowment don't care almost this law

but there are escape clauses within the law. Dowry is being give and taken in different ways even in rich families. Educated conscious citizens are also give and taking dowry Even though the pattern of giving dowry has changed. Impact on the society has not decreased, but its terrible impact is increasing day by day. If it is said what are the cause of dowry, then it can be said that the dowry system are created due to people's greed for money. ⁷Poverty and the desire to own money in a short period of time also one of the major reasons behind the rise in dowry. The prevalence of dowry was reaching such a horror even in the face of unemployment, depression and crisis of proper moral education. Apart from that obsession with superstition and ambitious mentality can also be identified as the reason.

2.4 Recent changes in dowry system

In that time gambling has become rampant. He just changed. Once upon a time there was a system of collecting money from hand to hand. Wedding ceremony, the boy would take care of the entire dowry and when the debts and debts were settled, the bridegroom would be brought to the wedding ceremony. Besides any breach of contract on the part of the bride while accepting the dues was considered a felony and it was very common to take the boy away from the matrimonial home for this crime alone.

⁷ A veiled threat

In that time the reality is almost nothing changed. Just everything is covered with a mask of politeness. Now many people do not want to take cash for the sake of decency. Expect color television, tape-recorder, refrigerator, washing machine, computer, motor cycle, motor car, flat house or land etc. We are far ahead in education and civilization. But sadly, very regrettably, the ancient mindset is still being followed in the society. Before the sweet relationship of auspicious outcome is developed, the bargaining of the shopkeeper's debts and debts begins. The evaluation of the quality of the bride depends on the amount of dowry. In that time society educated and uneducated, rich and poor, rulers and oppressors, everyone is more or less involved in this nefarious act.

2.5 Dowry atrocities and its consequences

The lure of dowry arranged marriages often take place in Bangladesh and dowry is largely responsible for suicides. Present society apart from huge amount of money, flat house or luxury car with TV, fridge, expensive furniture etc. demanded. The cost of sending the son abroad or the agreement to put him in a job also made as dowry. Despite all this, the daughter's father cannot be exempted. Again, and again various pressures started coming from the law.

The girl's guardian gets a pass mark in fulfilling the requirement then the wife is Lakshmi. And if the guardian of the girl is disabled then

started torture and do in human torture start. Wife speech and all activities are untouchable like bitter fruit. The murder plot starts with severe mental and physical torture to the victim. Sometimes helpless girl had to be brutally killed.⁸ After the murder, the body was hung from a ceiling fan as evidence of suicide or floated in a river or buried under ground the dark of night. If the corpse goes behind the eyes of people, not even a crow will notice. That was the toxic consequence of dowry system.

If the question was dowry in the city or village. The answer is that it was happening everywhere, In the village or in the city Village is visible There it was said that if dowry is not given the girl will not get married. If you are older you will be had to pay more dowry but dowry is given and taken. Different customs in the city here the upper classes are running it in various ways like jobs, cars, houses, and banks. We cannot socially boycott the givers and takers.

2.6 Conclusion

We find out what is the main reason of dowry system in our country. One of the most serious problems in our country is dowry. My advice on eliminating dowry. First of all, we need to amend our law. Because to get into a movement you first need tools in that way, the law must be fixed 1st and secondly. Social activity should be continued. Those

⁸ https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228279152_Dowry_Women_and_Law_in_Bangladesh

who give or take dowry are socially criminal. They should be boycotted should not start that practice. A massive campaign was needed for this and that it is a social disease. It should be understood to the young generation parentage.

CHAPTER 3

The law related to dowry in Bangladesh

3.1 The dowry prohibition act of 2018

The dowry prohibition act 2018 creates for stop dowry system in our country. Because without any law the dower system not be stop. This prohibition creates for natural justice. In dower case more the victim is simple family, poor family. The dowry prohibition act 2018 have 11 sections.

According to section 2 says about definition of dowry. and section 3 says about punishment for given and taken dowry. if any person gives and take dowry for this, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not less than five years but not less than one year or to a fine not exceeding 50,000 Taka or both.

Section 5 says about Contracts relating to dowry are void. For the reason of this Act, any contract relating to payment or acceptance of dowry shall be void. Section 6 says about Penalty for filing false cases etc. If any person files any suit or complaint under this Act with intent to injure another person without knowing any just or lawful cause to file a suit or complaint under this Act, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not less than (five) years or to a fine not less than 50,000 shall be punished with a fine.

Section 7 says about Combustibility of offences, non-bail able. Do Crime under this Act shall be cognizable, non-bail able and negotiable. According to section 8 says about punishment for offence under this act.

3.2 Is people follow dowry prohibition law in BD

When create dowry prohibition act 2018 to stop dowry system. Create for this act more than change dowry system in our country. But some people are not stopped this dowry system they didn't follow the rule of law. For example: May 21.05.2022 dowry reason dead 1 girl. More than family is not published dead reason. They said this is suicide. So that the salutation of our country. It's very disappointing.

3.3 Nari o Shishu Nirjaton Daman Ain 2000 section 2(j), 11

According to section 2 says about women and children act 2000.the definition dowry.

(a) Money, goods or goods claimed by the boon or the boon's parents or any other person directly related to the marriage at the time of the marriage or during the subsistence of the marriage, provided the marriage is subsisting .as dowry other assets

(a) Sums paid or agreed to be paid by the bride to any marriage to the boon or the parents of the boon or any other person directly related to the marriage at or before the marriage or during of the marriage, provided the marriage is to survive, equipment or other resources.

According to section 11 Punishment for causing death for dowry.

If the boon of a woman or the boon parents, relative or any other person on behalf of the boon causes the death or attempts to cause the death of the woman for dowry [or causes grievous hurt or simple hurt to the said woman.] If the said boon his parents, guardian, relative or person -

(a) Shall be punishable with death for causing death or with imprisonment for life for attempting to cause death and in both cases shall be liable to fine in addition to the said sentence.

(b) For causing grievous hurt, shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for life or with rigorous imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years and shall also be liable to fine in addition to the said sentence.

(c) For causing simple hurt shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years but not less than one year and shall also be punishable with fine in addition to the said penalty.

3.4 Section 3 of the dowry prevention act 1980

It is said about giving or receiving dowry. After the commencement of this Act under section 3 of this Act, any person who pays or accepts dowry or assists in the payment or acceptance of dowry, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and not less than one year or to fine or to both. will be Further, after the coming into force of this Act, any person who directly or indirectly demands dowry from the parents or guardians of the bride or groom, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and not less than one year or to fine or to both

CHAPTER 4

Socio Economic Impact of Dowry System in Bd.

4.1 Impact of dowry system in our society.

Dowry is a social custom in which a man and his family demand⁹ wealth and money from the wife family. Dowry is outlawed in India and other nearby countries. The practice is still very prevalent in these regions. In this post, I was going to explain what dowry killing is and how we can prevent dowry killing. To know more about this practice, background and result, read this post Dowry Major Cause of Female Infanticide.

When bride family not given dowry then the husband family torture the bride and pasture her family an insult her family, this all matter watch she was going to mentally depressed and committed suicide. Some matter watch boy's family killed bride for dowry reason. According to the National Crime Records Bureau 7634 women died in 2015 due to dowry harassment and 20 every day. They were either murdered or took their own lives.

⁹ **Dowry system of Bangladesh**

<https://www.slideshare.net/NezmusSaaded1/dowry-system-of-bangladesh>

4.2 Dowry killing: why does it happen?

1. Once married, it is considered humiliating for a woman to return to her parents' home. A failed marriage is a disgrace to a girl and her family.

2. After marriage, women are expected to be submissive, silent and compromise with everything that comes their way.

3. Girls haven't the same values and are not moved equally as boys. They don't fall up to be financially independent. Even in the face of misuse many women try their best to bear it because they don't want to be a tall to their parents.

4.¹⁰ Women in India often have little or no control and agency over their own lives. This makes them highly weak to injustice and persecution.

5. Dowry being illegal in India, little action has been taken to stop the heavy exchange of cash and other assets at marriages. This is a very common practice among all socio-economic classes.¹¹

6. The most alarming fact is that, in many cases the girl's parents are aware of the harassment and constant demand of dowry after marriage. They try their best to meet the demands, while pressuring their daughters to adjust and try to be good wives. Saving the girl's

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dowry_system_in_India#:~:text=Article%20of%20the%20Dowry,for%20them%20has%20been%20made.

¹¹ Dowry Practices In Bangladesh And India. Journal Of Legal Studies And Research

marriage is more important to them than saving the girl's life and they continue to ignore many bad signs.

¹²While fighting a social evil like dowry killing is not easy and requires a proper strategy, every parent should ensure that their daughter is valued, cared for, loved and empowered enough so that she does not have to endure torture or death to return. His parents.

4.3 Who is responsible for dowry system.

Many reasons behind the practice of dowry from ancient times to the present day. Below are some of the reasons:

(a) Money is greed

Dowry originated as a mindset to gain additional wealth. Large of money is collected from the father who is responsible for the daughter due to financial gain.

(b) Kaulinya tradition

Since ancient times well to do girls used to give various gifts to the groom. These gifts were symbols of their nobility. But with time this practice took the form of compulsory dowry.

(c) Hindu Family Law

¹² Dowry system in India

Hindu family law girls are not entitled to parental property. Hence, the mentality of demanding large sums of money from the girl's family at the time of marriage is created. Which, intensifies the practice of dowry.

(d) Lack of female education

Women's education was largely responsible for the practice of dowry. Due to lack of education, women are unable to build themselves up. As a result, as women are falling behind on the one hand and is less educated. The Boys family does not hesitate to demand financial resources from the girl's family.

(e) Decay of religious values

Dowry is void for any religion. But due to the influence of high culture and the degradation of religious values, the dowry system has become in the society. Some greedy classes of people are not paying attention to the religious discipline but are looking at the lack of money.

(f) Poverty

Hoping to get rid of the cruel poison of poverty. The grieving father reluctantly hands over the dowry money to the Boys family. The father has to resort to dowry to protect his girl from poverty.

(g) Lack of female dignity

If men and women are equal in the eyes of the law. Women are reft of many chances. Even now in our country, many families think that a female child is a burden. Due to the low social status of women, the practice of dowry has spread in the society.

(h) Too much love

Due to the great affection of the father and mother for the girl child. The son-in-law helps in increasing the dowry by giving wealth to the daughter-in-law for the happiness of Their daughter.

(i) Eligibility criteria

¹³The girl's physical defects, age, lack of beauty or looks etc. the Boy agrees to the marriage by paying a dowry. If the boy is more suitable than the girl, the bride parents pay a large amount of dowry and marry the girl, so the dowry increases.

Dowry system did not arise for any single reason. A number of factors can be attributed to this.

4.4 How can we prevent dowry killing

Follow this process then we can try to prevent dowry death: -

¹³ <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/readersblog/dowry-system/dowry-system-40794/>

¹⁴(a) Not accepted give dowry under any circumstances. According to dowry prohibition act 2018 those who give and take dowry are equally liable to fines and imprisonment.

(b) Says your daughter that keeping quiet will make her marriage successful. It's must be stop.

(c) Beware of any inexplicable or fishy injury, wound or illness of a girl after marriage. Don't ignore any signs of corporal or emotional abuse.

(d) Watch for dynamic red flags. Particularly if your daughter continually asks for large sums of money after marriage.

(e) Not force your daughter to go back to her husband if she resists. Attention to your daughter's stress or behavior after marriage.

(f) Please be aware and look out for red flags of a bride being abused in your nearness. Notify family or local authorities and intervene immediately before it is too late.

(g) Help your daughter become independent without feeling burdened. Adorn in her education, not her marriage.

(h) Create acquaintance in your society against dowry.

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4.5 Conclusion

Restructuring the social practices of patriarchal societies is now crucial. Envisage the harmful development. it time for all of us to take a remain against this evil practice. To stop dowry or prevent dowry murder. We need to increase the value of women in our society. The social structure gives more power and freedom to women. The question is we ready for this yet? Can we envision that women have complete control over their own lives? As long as we continue to have men as the decision makers, savers and regulators of women's lives, violence and oppression against women will never stop.

CHAPTER 5

Prevention of Dowry system

5.1 Why we can't prevention of dowry system in our country?

The world is moving forward at lightning speed. Almost everything is changing at a rapid pace of change. A lot of things are being transformed and modernized on the stage of change. We continue to advance in the hands of modern civilization. ¹⁵We have been taking adequate measures to solve our personal, family, social and nation's undesirable environment, customs, situations and problems. Many areas, as much progress as progress, in some areas, as much as non-achievement, deterioration is going on. Bangladesh is a small country. There is no place to write the word Bangladesh on the world map. Bangladesh has taken its seat in the court of the world in its own characteristics. Truly this attainment of glory is the attainment of honor. There is no history of shame. Still, we are optimistic. This third world poverty-stricken country is burdened with many problems. It is as if we are spoiling our creative attitude, ideal values, and religious consciousness in dust. I sit in the heart's great plans.

With the passage of time, the dowry system has built a nest in our hearts and society like an evil. As there are many diseases in our body, there are many diseases in our society. One of them is dowry disease. Like an infectious disease, dowry disease penetrates into the

¹⁵ .Dhaka:BBC news.Available At:<https://www.bbc.com/bengali/news-49848088>

recesses of different castes and societies, pushing the entire social system towards terrible horrors. To eradicate the custom, disease, or poison tree of dowry from the society, it is necessary to have knowledge about the cause, origin and development of dowry. Dowry is the disease of underestimating youth. The money, wealth, ornaments, and furniture given to the bride by the bride's parents at the time of marriage is called dowry. And the custom of giving a dowry is called dowry custom. Also, it can be seen that the girl is betrothed by guaranteeing the groom a job or by promising to send him abroad. That too is covered by dowry. Sometimes it is seen that the parents of the girl take all the responsibility of educating the boy in exchange for marrying the girl to the boy. Practically, it is also considered as dowry. Sometimes the daughter's father buys a car for the son-in-law to travel to the in-law's house or builds a house for the daughter's happiness, peace and security, it is also considered as a kind of dowry. That all the main reason of dowry system in our country. That reason we cannot reducing dowry system.

5.2 Prevention dowry system must be follow dowry prohibition act 2018

Dowry prohibition act create for stop dowry system. Reducing dowry system, we must be following this act. Child marriage is one of the main reasons for increasing dowry system in our country. Girls 18 years old are the legal age of our country marriage. But some family not fallows this. 59% of girls in Bangladesh are married before their

18-year age and 22% are married before the age of 15. Frustule stops this system. Because effect of child marriage boys and girls both. Because when boy's marriage before 18 years old this time he didn't do any work. This reason he claims dowry to his wife family. But when his wife family didn't give dowry then he started torture his wife. So, this system must be stopped

5.4 Islam and dowry system

Dowry is a prohibited act in the light of Holy Quran and Hadith. Islam has prescribed 'Mahar' for the purpose of empowering women and protecting their dignity.¹⁶ **Almighty Allah says:**

“Give the women their dowry contentedly”

Hazrat Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Aasallam Said:

“A person who fixed his wife's dowry regardless of the amount.

But if he does not intend to pay it in his heart, he will rise as an

Adulterer on the Day of Resurrection”

Conventional dowry system, instead of dowry, the daughter-in-law has to pay the money and property of the husband's illegal abdar. Islam does not condone this injustice. Change of name of dowry oppression. Taking advantage of the helplessness of a woman's guardian, injustice is done to her through dowry. **Hazrat**

¹,Muslim personal Law.Dhaka:Sufi Prokashoni

Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Aasallam Said: “All oppression is haram.” Dowry is also haram from a religious point of view.

5.4 Some ideas by reducing the dowry system

Dowry is being used as a tool to force women. Every day some women are legally harassed by this illegal practice. So, this practice must be stopped soon. Below are the ways to reducing the dowry system:

(a) Expansion of women's education is first of all necessary to prevent dowry system. Educated women grapple for their rights. Educated women are not a burden for society and family but an asset of the country.

(b) Child marriage must be present in our society. When we see child marriage will happening in a place then we called police and stop the marriage.

(c) The greed for money and wealth should be abandoned.

(d) Giving and taking dowry are both equal crimes. So, we must be following the rule of law.

(e) Increasing social awareness can prevent dowry to a large extent. The negative aspects of dowry must be presented to the common people.

(f) Dowry is prohibited in all religions. So, we have to be respectful to our respective religions. We must be following our Islamic rule.

(g) Youth need to change their mind. They must think that dowry is a form of alms.

(h) There is an anti-dowry law but it is not properly enforced. As a result, those who take and give dowry do not consider it a crime or feel guilty. Proper use of law must be ensured to prevent this practice.

(i)¹⁷ Since dowry is prohibited in Islam. Its haram for Islam and most of the people of Bangladesh are followers of Islam, anti-dowry campaign should be carried out through imams and clerics of mosques and they should also be aware about it.

(j) Human rights organizations and NGOs can also campaign against dowry.

(k) A girl child is not a burden but she can also be the wealth of the country, such a thought should be nurtured in the heart of the parents of family.

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(l) ¹⁸Penury has fueled the practice of dowry. If the government and NGOs can implement penury alleviation projects through self-employment. It will be possible to curb dowry.

(m) Dropout girl children should be given an opportunity to be re-admitted to school.

(n) The women family should come out of thinking that if dowry is given, the girl will be better life off the boy house. This mentality must be changed.

(o) Anti-dowry reports should be printed in paper magazines.

(p) Textbooks should include articles on dowry. Then people know about the dowry system.

That is very difficult to eradicate dowry system easily from the society. Need everyone cooperation. Girls should wake up. We must be change you're thinking power. Men's violence in the society is bound to reduce to a great extent if they develop their inner strength instead of thinking of themselves as commodities. If necessary, the call of girl's liberation movement should be spread and social value and status should be acquired by learning. In this way, the pain of the poison-wound of the banking system will be gradually relaxed.it is possible to stop dowry by following this process.

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CHAPTER 6

6.1 Conclusion:

In spite of dowry law in our country, dowry is still practiced in cities and villages. Everyone must take action to stop it. Everyone needs to be stricter than it is possible to stop the killing and torture for dowry. Giving and receiving dowry is a punishable offense in Islamic view. ¹⁹Dowry marriage should be stopped in the society. In all the mosques of our country, before the sermon, if we talk about the Shariah provisions regarding dowry, some fear will enter into people. The laws of our country need to take more stringent measures. But along with the law, our country should raise social awareness, people should understand about dowry. Then the parents don't have to choose the path of suicide for not paying the dowry. Although our country has progressed in various ways, the social attitude towards women has not changed yet, still men and women are not seen as having equal status. They are not given any power so they cannot protest about dowry and are forced to pay. And men think that it is their inheritance and that they are entitled to it. We need to change our mental state. Everyone should establish resistance against dowry from house to house. Necessary action should be taken against those who do this. No one can be exempted. Child marriage should be stopped by calling (999) as soon as you see child marriage or go to the police station and bring the police as soon as possible. In our

¹⁹<https://www.toppr.com/guides/essays/essay-on-dowry-system/#:~:text=complaint%20against%20them,-,Conclusion,is%20completely%20wrong%20and%20illegal.>

country women are not given any respect for dowry. The verbal beating began. ²⁰ Dowry is a religious, social and state punishable offence. Both the dowry taker and the dowry giver are hated by the society. So, we all have to come forward and raise resistance from house to house. Necessary action should be taken. In order to stop dowry, all rules and regulations should be followed in the way shown by Prophet Muhammad SAW.

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