THE EMERGING ROLE OF NGOS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India is a land of villages and government of India is taking many steps for the upliftment of rural society. Soon after independence a great need for development was felt in India. As a result a number of NGOs had emerged in India. India is estimated to have had around two million NGOs in 2009, just over one NGO per 600 Indians. In the present era of liberalization and globalization, NGOs have been working constantly day in and day out to solve the problem concerning children, women, senior citizens, environment etc. NGOs play a complementary role for the government for upliftment of socio-economic status of poor. They have been instrumental in fulfilling the gap between have and have not’s. NGOs perform the variety of activities for the promotion of human health and rights, women welfare and empowerment, child welfare and education. Various types of skill development and vocational training programs has been initiated by the NGOs for the upliftment of the blind and most neglected tribal area of society.

In the present paper, an attempt has been made to study the new approaches adopted by NGOs for the rural development and problems faced by NGOs in performance of their tasks. A radical social change can’t be expected through voluntary effort of NGOs. The need of the hour is to adopt a positive attitude toward NGOs for their growing role in development process.