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SOCIO - ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE MUSLIM MINORITY IN TRIPURA



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Abstract: Tripura, one of the eight sister states of northeast region, is a virgin land for scholars to study, specially, on the Muslims. Not only Tripura, but also the entire northeast is very little known to the people of mainland India, mainly because of its backwardness in development and communication. The Muslim population of the region is 88, 50,940 out of total population 3, 83, 16,918 i.e. 23.10 percent. The Muslims of Tripura constitute 8.00 percent of the total state population and 2.8 percent of the regional Muslim population (Census: 2001). Though the process of modernization in India started in the last quarter of the eighteenth century, the Muslim community of India did not start till the last quarter of the nineteenth century, when Anglo-Oriental College was founded at Aligarh by Sir Sayed Ahmed Khan (1817-1898) in 1877. However, these waves of modernization did not start in Tripura's Muslim till today. Their socio-economic positions remain far from the main stream of development of national scenario. This is evident in the findings of the Prime Minister's High Level committee report 2006, headed by Justice (Rtd.) Rajindar Sachar, which has explored a pathetic picture about the status of Muslims in all over India. In the state of Tripura, situation remains almost the same especially in the field of education, employment and economic and political development. Demographic change in the Muslim population is one of the causes for their socio-economic position to be at the bottom of social heap. Moreover, poor implementation of the suggestions of Sachar Committee, Prime Minister's 15-points and Chief Ministers (Tripura) 8-points development Programs for the religious minorities also leads the situation to be almost stagnant.

 $\textbf{Keywords:} Socio-Economic \ , Muslim \ minority \ , communication \ , modernization.$

INTRODUCTION

Tripura, one of the eight sister states of northeast region, is a virgin land for scholars to study, specially, on the Muslims. Not only Tripura, but also the entire northeast is very little known to the people of mainland India, mainly because of its backwardness in development and communication. The Muslim population of the region is 88, 50,940 out of total population 3, 83, 16,918 i.e. 23.10 percent. The Muslims of Tripura is 254,442 where male population is 130,788 and female is 123,654 that constitute 8.00 percent of the total state population and 2.8 percent of the regional Muslim population (Census: 2001). Constitutionally India is a secular state and provides equal opportunities to all irrespective of caste and creed. Certain castes and communities are neither equal in practice nor are provided with equal opportunities in practice. This is a paradox for secular India and to an extent paradox of Muslim community as well. Same things happen in case of Muslims of Tripura also. They have little attention of the scholars and researchers. Though the process of modernization in India started in the last quarter of the eighteenth century, the Muslim community of India did not start till the last quarter of the nineteenth century, when Anglo-Oriental College was founded at Aligarh by Sir Sayed Ahmed Khan (1817-1898) in 1877. However, these waves of modernization did not start in Tripura's Muslim until today. Their socio-economic

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Muslims are backward in different fields in Tripura. Data collected from different places proved that Muslim communities as a whole, as is shown, are among the poorest communities in India, ranking with the Dalits and Adivasis. The total number of Muslim population in Tripura is 254442 (2001 census report). Out of them male literacy rate is 59% and female literacy rate is 41%. They are the largest minority group in Tripura. Their backwardness is found in different

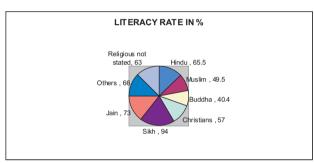
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fields like education, economy, social, political etc. Educational status-

Table-1 Literacy rate among different religious communities in Tripura - 2001

Religion	Population	Literacy	%	Male	%	Female	%
Hindu	2739310	1794519	65.5	1014310	56.5	780209	43.5
Muslim	254442	125973	49.5	74356	59	51617	41
Buddha	98922	39993	40.4	25185	62	14808	38
Christians	102489	58614	57	34703	59.2	23911	40.8
Sikh	1182	1111	94	1034	93	77	07
Jain	477	348	73	192	55	156	45
Others	1277	847	66	531	63	316	37
Religious not stated	1104	694	63	396	57	298	43

Source-Census 2001



Below table shows the number of Muslims students in 22 colleges in Tripura.

Table-2 Educational scenario of the Muslims in Tripura

SL. NO	TOTAL S	TOTAL STUDENTS		STUDENTS
	boys	girls	boys	girls
1.	550	449	13	12
2.	237	84	2	1
3.	1553	880	118	71
4.	2771	871	35	11
5.	1835	846	25	10
6.	37	92	1	1
7.	86	74	3	0
8.		3042		15
9.		76		1
10.	182	52		2

11	550	449	13	12
12	797	408	267	147
13	2071	1121	236	70
14	1039	721	3	2
15	890	623	260	
16	297	185	15	7
17	3412	905	64	12
18	355	184		
19	64	130		
20	660	233	5	3
21	388	229	5	2
22	87	92	1	
Total-	17861	11746	1066	379

Source-data collected from 22 colleges through questionnaire

Above table shows that in Tripura Muslims student participation is low in higher education. In each college it is seen that the number of Muslim student is very low. Girls' position in educational institution is less than 1.5% where boys' position is 3.6%. One cannot imagine the development of a community who are educationally backward.

Another table shows the lower representation of Muslims students in Tripura University.

Table-3 Muslims students in Tripura University

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
2007-08	19	6	25
2008-09	17	4	21
2009-10	15	7	22
		1.0	
2010-11	16	10	26
2011-12	23	14	37

Student participation in university proves their backwardness in education. The number of Muslims girl participation is low than the boys.

Even the unemployment scenario of the Muslim is very sad. Below table shows the educated unemployment scenario of the Muslims of Tripura.

Table-4 Educational scenario of the Muslim girls in Tripura

SL. NO	TOTAL STU	JDENTS	Muslim STU	JDENTS
	boys	girls	boys	girls
1.	550	449	13	12
2.	237	84	2	1
3.	1553	880	118	71
4.	2771	871	35	11
5.	1835	846	25	10
6.	37	92	1	1
7.	86	74	3	0
8.		3042		15
9.		76		1
10.	182	52		2
11.	550	449	13	12
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22.	87	92	1	
total	17861	11746	1066	379

Source-data collected from colleges through questionnaire

Above table shows that in Tripura Muslims especially the Muslims girls are backward in education. Their participation in college level is negligible which creates bar behind the progress of this community. In each college it is seen the number of Muslim girls is very low. Their position in educational institution is less than 1.5%.

TABLE-5 TOTAL UNEMPLOYEE IN TRIPURA

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UR			ST			SC				Μι	ıslim	ı	
Male	Femal e	Total	Male	Femal e	Total	Male	Fer	nal	Total	Ма	ıle	Femal e	Total
17522 4	11501 2	29023 6	8076 5	45236	12600 1	5784 8	347	31	92579	14	846	5693	2053 9
Ph			Obc			Ex		Tot	al				
Male	Femal e	Total	Male	Femal e	Total			Mal	e F	emal	То	tal	
2749	1349	4098	2344	13382	36827	937		355 4	81 2	1540	57	1217	

Source - SPIO, Employment exchange, 2011

The table show that Muslims unemployment is lower than the total candidates and female unemployed is less than half of male unemployed. It means that girls are not getting sufficient education and opportunities in the society.

Table-6
Literacy among the Muslims in rural and urban areas

Total Mu	Total Muslim population		Male	Female
Total	254442	125973	74356	51617
Rural	236748	115605	68369	47236
Urban	17694	10368	5987	4381

SOURCE-CENSUS 2001

The above table shows that Muslims female literate is lower than the male literate is. In rural area, the number is more pathetic.

TABLE-7 MUSLIM STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT AGES

Age-group		Total			Students	3
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
Total	180139	70353	109786	62144	33522	28622
0-4	31859	16168	15691	581	314	267
5-14	75695	38461	37234	49911	26085	23826
15-19	19864	8718	11146	9780	5799	3981
20-24	11295	2749	8546	1545	1149	396
25-29	9144	1027	8117	164	119	45
30-34	6761	389	6372	20	7	13
35-39	5851	184	5667	13	5	8
40-49	6784	220	6564	20	10	10
50-59	4180	249	3931	6	2	4

60-69	4053	704	3349	30	11	19
70-79	2738	780	1958	16	7	9
80+	1658	596	1062	17	4	13
A.N.S	257	108	149	41	10	31
15-59	63879	13536	50343	11548	7091	4457
60+	8449	2080	6369	63	22	41

SOURCE-NSSO DATA AND CENSUS 2001

The table also shows that the number of Muslim students in different ages is low than the total students. On the other hand, Muslims female participation is also lower than the male participants are.

TABLE-8
Total Muslim Population and literacy under districts

Districts	Residence	Tot	tal Populat	tion		Literates	
		Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female
TRIPURA	Total	254442	130788	123654	125973	74356	51617
TRIPURA	Rural	236748	121586	115162	115605	68369	47236
TRIPURA	Urban	17694	9202	8492	10368	5987	4381
West	Total	127017	65680	61337	60840	36055	24785
West	Rural	113930	58888	55042	53216	31667	21549
West	Urban	13087	6792	6295	7624	4388	3236
South	Total	38999	20033	18966	18769	11260	7509
South	Rural	37445	19215	18230	17705	10631	7074
South	Urban	1554	818	736	1064	629	435
Dhalai	Total	6583	3470	3113	3764	2304	1460
Dhalai	Rural	6436	3385	3051	3663	2240	1423
Dhalai	Urban	147	85	62	101	64	37
North	Total	81843	41605	40238	42600	24737	17863
North	Rural	78937	40098	38839	41021	23831	17190
North	Urban	2906	1507	1399	1579	906	673

Source-Census, 2001

The table describes the total population and literacy among the Muslims of Tripura in four districts. In all districts, Muslims are backward in education.

ECONOMIC STATUS-

The 61st round data of the NSS show that 22.7 per cent of India's population was poor in 2004-05. The SCs/STs together are the most poor with a headcount ratio (HCR) of 35 per cent. Muslims stand second with 31 per cent of the

people living below the poverty line. The incidence of poverty among OBC Muslims is close to that of the SC/STs. Poverty among Muslims is the highest in urban areas with a HCR of 38.4 per cent. Tripura being a hilly state the cultivated area is not available comparing to the other states of Tripura. There are no huge industries where people would get employment opportunities and other economic facilities. Most of the people are depending on govt. services. Few of them are depending on agriculture, forest like rubber plantation etc. small business, export, import, smuggling etc. although state and central govt. took different initiatives to improve the condition of Tripura, it is lagging far behind in its economy. However, Muslims are backward in their economic filed due to various reasons. Their economic position is described below.

Table-9 Unemployment among the Muslims

UR	Male	Female	Total
	175224	115012	290236
Muslim	Male	Female	Total
	14846	5693	20539

 $Source-employment\,exchange\,report, 2012$

The table mentioned above shows that the numbers of educated unemployed among the Muslims girls are very low. Even their number is microscopic in the field of engineering, medical and other professional fields. In spite of being backward and minority, they are not getting the special quota like SCs, STs and OBCs in Tripura. On the other hand, they are not getting govt. jobs and opportunities that would inspire the other people to take proper education.

Table-10
Employment scenario in colleges

SL NO	ALL TEACHING STAFF	Muslims	
1.	19	0	
2.	68	0	
3.	23	0	
4.	6	0	
5.	18	0	
6.	28	0	
7.	32	2	GR-A-1, GR-C-1
8.	51	0	
9.	21	2	
10.	124	1	GR-C

1.	18	0	
2.	22	0	
3.	57	0	
4.	6	0	
5.	48	1	GR-C
6.	69	0	
7.	135	2	GR-A
TOTAL	745	8	

Source-Colleges data through questionnaire

Economy and employment is related. As there is few scope for industries and business, people are depending on govt. services. But the above table shows that employment of Muslims in different colleges is namely shown. Out of 745 college teachers the number of Muslims is only 8 nos. Their percentage is 1%. Even most of them are belonged to Group-C.

Table –11 Employment under SSA

TOTAL NO OF EMPLOYEE-48 (FORMAL-45, INFORMAL-3), MALE
34, FEMALE-14
GEN-35, SC-7, ST-3, OBC-3, CHRISTIAN-1, BUDDIST-NILL
GROUP A-NILL, B-12, C-27, D-9
TOTAL MUSLIM EMPLOYEE-2 FORMAL-1, INFORMAL-1, GROUP A
B, C-NILL, D-2
GEN-8, SC-1, ST-5
VACANT POST-14, GROUP B-4, C-9, D-1
TOTAL TEACHERS UNDER SSA-5488, MALE-4151, FEMALE-1337
GEN-1761, SC-888, ST-2015, OBC-784, CHRISTIANS-155, BUDDIHST
88
MUSLIM-269 , MALE-131, FEMALE-60, PRY-131, U.PRY-138
1

 $Source-Provided\,by\,SPIO\,of\,SSA\,office, 2012$

The table above shows that the number of Muslim in SSA office is 2 nos. (FORMAL-1, INFORMAL-1, GROUP A, B, C-NILL, D-2) out of total 48 which shows their position is 4%. It is more interesting that both of the two belong to Group- D. There are 5488 teachers under SSA out of which the number of Muslims is 269 (MALE-131, FEMALE-60) that is 4.9% of the total population.

Table-12 TRIPURA GOVT. MUSEUM EMPLOYEE

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Group A	Gender	Gen	Sc	st	Obc	Muslim	Christian	Buddhist	Total
	Male								
	Female								
Group b									
	Male								
	Female	1							1
Group c									
	Male	1	2						3
	Female	1		1					2
Group D	1								
			<u> </u>	\top				Total	6

Source-Provided by SPIO of, Tripura govt. museum

TABLE-13 Staff under directorate of minority welfare

STAFF	
GEN-08, OBC-01, SC-01, ST-04, TC	OTAL -14, MALE-9, FEMALE-05
CHRISTIANS-01, BUDDHIST-NILL,	
GROUP	A-NILL,
	B-1
	C-08,
	D-04
	TOTAL - 14
MUSLIM	EMPLOYEE
GROUP	A-NILL
	B-1
	C-4
	D-2
	TOTAL- 7

Source-Provided by SPIO of directorate of minority welfare

There is no permanent employee in this dept. of directorate of minority welfare, govt. of Tripura.

Table -14 Election dept.

Group A	Gender	Gen	Sc	st	Obc	Muslim	Christian	Buddhist	Total
	Male	2							
	Female								
Group b									
	Male	6	1	3					
	Female	1							
Group c									
	Male	31	7	12	7	1			
	Female	5	3	2	1				
Group D	1								
	Male	10	5	3	1				
	Female	4	2	2					

Source-spio Election dept.

TABLE-15 DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Gen	der	Gen	Sc	st	Obc	Muslim	Christian	Buddhist	Total
Mal	e	2 group-a		1 group-a, 1 group-b					
Fen	nale								

EMPLOYEE IN LIBRARIES

	Gender	Gen	Sc	st	Obc	Muslim	Christian	Buddhist	Total
Group c	Male	17	11	11	1		1	2	
	Female	15	2	2	1		3		
Group D	Male	19	11	11	2	1	1		
	Female	11	7	8					

Source-spio DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

TABLE-16 TRIPURA BOARD OF WAKF

	Gender	Gen	Sc	st	Obc	Muslim	Christian	Buddhist	Total
Group c	Male	3				3			
	Female								
Group D	Male	4				3			
	Female	2				1			

TOTALWAKFASSET-1869 SOURCE- SPIO DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

TABLE-17 TPSC

Group A	Gender	Gen	Sc	st	Obc	Muslim	Christian	Buddhist	Total
	Male	3	1						
	Female								
Group b									
	Male	2		03					
	Female								
Group c									
	Male	18	7	8					
	Female								
Group D									
	Male	10	8	5					
	Female								

Source-spio tpsc

TABLE-18 AMC EMPLOYMENT

Group A	Gender	Gen	Sc	st	Obc	Muslim	Christian	Buddhist	Total
	Male	12		1					13
	Female								0
Group b									
	Male	10	2	1					12
	Female								1
Group c									
	Male	148	31	39		5	3		152
	Female					1			72
Group D									
	Male	231	103	26		46	1	1	332
	Female					3			77

Source-spio AMC

TOTAL NO. OF MUSLIM CHAIRMAN-01 (SINCE FORMATION)
TOTAL MUSLIM COUNCILLOR-NILL
BUT NOMINATED MUSLIM MEMBER-02

TABLE-19 POPULATION

394432	
202481	
191951	
104240	
4231	
18118	
19080	
5869	
56942	
	202481 191951 104240 4231 18118 19080 5869

 $Source\text{-}\,spio\,AMC$

TABLE-20 DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY WELFARE

CI NO	CROUD	TOTAL	cc	ST	CEN	MALE	FEMALE	CONTIGENT
SL.NO	GROUP	TOTAL	SC	51	GEN	MALE	FEMALE	CONTIGENT
1	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	В	2	1	-	1	2	-	-
3	B N-G	2	-	1	1	1	1	-
4	С	1507	229	409	869	777	730	-
5	D	53	8	17	28	45	08	-
TOTAL		1564	238	427	899	825	739	-

Source-spio DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY WELFARE

TABLE-21 MUSLIMS EMPLOYEE

SL.NO	GROUP	TOTAL MUSLIM	MALE	FEMALE	CONTIGENT
1	A	-	-	-	-
2	В	-	-	-	-
3	С	26	21	5	-
4	D	3	2	1	-
TOTAL		29	23	6	-

 $Source-spio\ DIRECTORATE\ OF\ FAMILY\ WELFARE$

TABLE-22 VACANT POST

SL.NO	GROUP	TOTAL	SC	ST	GEN	CONTIGENT
1	A	1	-	-	1	-
2	В	6	-	3	3	-
3	B N-G	5	1	1	3	-
4	С	327	83	158	86	-
5	D	5	2	1	2	-
TOTAL		344	86	163	95	-

Source-spio DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY WELFARE

TABLE-23 LAW DEPARTMENT

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SL.	NAME OF	GROUP	GEN	SC	ST	OBC	CHRIA	BUDDHIS	MALE	FEMAL
	POST						TIANS	T		E
NO										
1	LIBRARIAN	C	1	-	1	-			2	
2	UDC	С	3	1	-	-			3	2
3	LDC	C	3	1	-	-			4	2
		1								
4	DRIVER	С	5	1	-	-			6	
5	LAW	C	1	-	-	-			1	
-	CLERK	_	-						1	
	CELIGI									
6	SORTER	С	1	-	-				1	
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7	CONTIGENT	С		-	-					
1	CONTIGENT	C		-	-	-				
8	CONTIGENT	D	5		-				5	
8	CONTIGENT	D	3	-	-	-			3	
	PEGN	D	1.0						-	0
9	PEON	D	12	1	1	-			5	9

Source-spio LAW DEPARTMENT

There is no Muslim employee under this establishment

Table-24 Vacant Post

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SL.NO	NAME OF POST	GROUP	GEN	SC	ST	OBC
1	HEAD CLERK	С	1		1	
2	ACCOUNTANT	С	1			
3	UDC	С			3	
4	LDC	С	4	2	1	
5	JR. LIBRARIAN	С	1		1	

Source-spio LAW DEPARTMENT

TABLE-25 DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. TOTAL EMPLOYEE	5384
2. GEN	3180
3. SC	901
4. ST	1303
5. OBC	NOT DETERMINED
6. CHRIATIANS	210
7. BUDDHIST	127
8. MALE	2368
9. FEMALE	3014
10. GROUP-B NON GEZETTED	88
11. GROUP-C	3014
12. GROUP-D	2282
13. CONTIGENT	NILL
14. GROUP-A GEZETTED	923 (GEN-543, SC-155, ST-225,MALE-7 FEMALE-154)
15. GROUP-B GEZETTED	12 (GEN-4, SC-4, ST-4,MALE-9, FEMALE-3)

Source-spio DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE-26 MUSLIM EMPLOYEE UNDER DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

TOTAL MUSLIM EMPLOYEE	80
MALE	50
FEMALE	30
GROUP-B NON GEZETTED	
GROUP-C	42
GROUP-D	38
CONTIGENT	
GROUP-A GEZETTED	4 (MALE)

Source-spio DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

Table-27 Vacant post under directorate of health services

TOTAL VACANT POST	1562
GEN	683
SC	263
ST	616
OBC	
GROUP-B NON GEZETTED	39
GROUP-C	835
GROUP-D	688
CONTIGENT	-
GROUP-A GEZETTED	829 (GEN-378, SC-139, ST-312)

Source-spio DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES Department of agriculture Total no of office in Tripura-52 Total employee-6621

Table-28 Employees in Department of agriculture

UR	SC	ST	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
3546	1162	1913	6621	5579	1042	6621

Source-spio Department of agriculture

GROUP WISE

A	В	С	D	CONTIGENT	TOTAL
185	475	1992	975	2994	6621

 $Source-spio\ Department\ of\ agriculture$

Muslims

MUSLIMS			GROUP						
MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	A	В	С	D	CONTIGENT	TOTAL	
194	44	238	03	06	57	38	134	238	

Source-spio Department of agriculture

VACANCY

	UR SC ST TOTAL			GROUP					
UR	SC	ST	TOTAL	A	В	С	D	CONTIGENT	TOTAL
420	181	276	877	47	60	720	50	00	877

SOURCE-SPIO, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

POLITICAL SCENARIO-

Election commission of Tripura reported that presently (2013) there are No candidates in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha from Muslim community and only two male candidates are in the Vidhan Sabha. Among them, one acts as Minister of games and sports.

Table-29
Panchayet (GRAM PANCHAYET ELECTION, 2009, CONTESTING CANDIDATE)

SL.N	NAME OF	NO. OF	NO.OF CONTESTING	NO. OF	MALE	FEMA
0	BLOCK	GP	CANDIDATE	MUSLI MS		LE
1	TELIAMURA	16	350	3	2	1
2	KALYANPUR	11	226	0	0	0
3	KHOWAI	22	381	0	0	0
4	MOHANPUR	30	737	0	0	0
5	JIRANIA	23	496	15	11	4
6	DUKLI	17	452	21	14	7
7	BISHALGAR H	36	745	109	71	38
8	BOXANAGAR	15	282	158	98	60
9	KATHALIA	15	288	99	63	36
10	MELAGHAR	37	674	158	103	55
11	SALEMA	27	606	28	19	9
12	KUMARGHA T	21	495	19	15	4
13	KADAMTAL A	25	712	215	0	49
14	PANISAGAR	27	695	88	66	22
15	GOURNAGAR	30	639	196	131	65
16	AMBASSA	7	126	0	0	0
17	KAKRABAN	20	429	69	52	17
18	MATABARI	32	631	57	34	23
19	AMARPUR	10	176	9	8	1
20	RAJNAGR	25	539	18	11	7
21	BAKAFA	20	406	0	0	0
22	HRISHYA MUKH	14	256	12	12	0
23	SATCHA ND	31	558	2	2	0
	TOTAL	511	10899	1276	712	398

Source-spio, Panchayet

Above table shows the poor representation of Muslims in Panchayet.

Table-30
Panchayet (TOTAL CONTESTING CANDIDATES, 2009 under three tiers)

	TOTAL CONTESTING CA	NDIDATES, 20	09		
SL NO	NAME OF BODIES	TOTAL GP/PS/ZP	TOTAL SEATS	TOTAL CONTESTING CANDIDATES	TOTAL WOMEN CANDIDATES
1	GRAM PANCHAYET	511	5295	10983	4060
2	PANCHAYET AMITY	299	299	683	269
3	ZILLA PARISHAD	82	82	208	54
TOTAL		892	5676	11874	4383

Source – spio, Panchayet

The table above shows that Muslims are neglected in the field of politics. Women participation is also pathetic.

Table-31 Panchayet (minority Muslims-contesting candidates,2009)

	minority Muslims-contesting	candidates,2009		
sl.no	NAME OF THE BODIES	Total Muslims contesting candidate	MALE	FEMALE
1	ZILLA PARISHAD	20	11	9
2	PANCHAYET AMITY	65	43	22
3	GRAM PANCHAYET	1276	712	398
	TOTAL	1361	766	429

Source-spio, Panchayet

The table above shows that Muslims are neglected in the field of politics. Women participation is also pathetic.

Table-32
Total contesting candidates from Muslims (assembly election)

Year	Congress	CPIM	Others
1952	5	3	10
1957	6	2	9
1962	4	4	5
1967	3	1	1
1972	3	2	4
1977	3	3	8
1981	1		
1983	3	2	3
1988	2	2	2
1993	2	2	8
1998	3	2	3
2003	2	3	8
2008	3	2	13
2013	3	3	
total	43	31	74

Source-Magazine of Tripura Darphan, 2013

The table above shows that the number of Muslims participation in assembly election from 1952 to 2013 is 43 from congress, 31 from CPI(M) and 74 from others and neutral party.

Working participation of Muslims-

Table- 33 MNREGA WORKERS UNDER KHOWAI R. D. BLOCK

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KHOWAI R. D.	ST		SC		OBC		GEN		CHR	IST	BUDDH	MUS	LIM
BLOCK	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F
	351	198	2301	1120	3638	2000	2894	2000	17	8	NILL	39	37

Source-spio, Block

The table shows the number of Muslims MNREGA workers under the above block that shows their working participation.

Table- 34 MNREGA WORKERS UNDER PANISAGAR R. D. BLOCK

PANISAGAR R. D. BLOCK	ST		SC		OBC	GE	N	CHR	IST	BUDDH	MUS	LIM
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F		M	F
	835		294	5	3758	524		2508		34	699	373

Source-spio, Block

The table shows the number of Muslims MNREGA workers under the above block that shows their working participation.

Table- 35 MNREGA WORKERS UNDER WEST

BLOCK	GEN	SC	ST	OBC	CHRIST	BUDDHIST	MALE	FEMALE
BISHALGARH	46146	5768	4981	6594	55	NILL	18942	12629
JAMPUIJALA	227	105	33863	23	588	NILL	18630	16176
KATHALIA	10029	2570	3757	6338	48	21	13413	9350
MELAGIIAR	11005	10760	6003	(220	N. 17 T	> r	21020	21065
MELAGHAR	11005	18768	6993	6229	NILL	NILL	21930	21065
BOXANAGAR	5508	2205	963	1256	NILL	NILL	8443	1489
BOXANAGAR	3308	2203	903	1236	NILL	NILL	6443	1469
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Source-district Magistrate and collector, govt. of Tripura The table shows the number of Muslims MNREGA workers under the above block that shows their working participation.

TABLE-36 MUSLIMS MNREGA WORKERS UNDER WEST

BLOCK	MALE	FEMALE
BISHALGARH	5498	4497
JAMPUIJALA	712	516
KATHALIA	4718	2860
MELAGHAR	7637	7515
BOXANAGAR	2200	388

Source-district Magistrate and collector, govt. of Tripura Source

The table shows the number of Muslims MNREGA workers under the above block that shows their working participation.

Table-37 MUSLIMS WORKERS CLASSIFIED BY AGE, INDUSTRIAL CATEGORY AND SEX (1)

(2)

						Indus	trial ca	tegory						
		Ι)				Е			F			G	
	ННІ		N	Non HI	II									
Pers ons	Ma les	Fem ales												
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
608	357	251	2,46	2,2 13	252	176	171	5	5,51 5	5,2 46	269	3,29	3,0 61	229
12	0	12	29	24	5	0	0	0	76	76	0	52	47	5
330	190	140	1,12	988	133	62	57	5	2,75 8	2,6 71	87	1,50 7	1,4 09	98
211	127	84	1,22 7	1,1 15	112	114	114	0	2,30	2,1 45	164	1,50 4	1,4 03	101
55	40	15	88	86	2	0	0	0	367	349	18	227	202	25
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0

(3)

					Industria	l category					
	Н			I			J & K			L to Q	
Person	Male	Femal	Person	Male	Femal	Person	Male	Femal	Person	Male	Femal
s	s	es	s	s	es	s	s	es	s	s	es
38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
131	131	0	3,220	3,20 5	15	815	566	249	7,907	6,79 0	1,11
0	0	0	34	34	0	22	7	15	66	43	2.
48	48	0	1,608	1,59 8	10	341	230	111	3,530	3,08	44
54	54	0	1,436	1,43	5	369	272	97	3,909	3,35 9	55
29	29	0	138	138	0	83	57	26	400	305	9:
0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	

Census-NSS DATA

[INDUSTRIAL CATEGORIES: A – Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry; B – Fishing; C – Mining and Quarrying; D – Manufacturing; E – Electricity, Gas and Water Supply; F – Construction; G – Wholesale and Retail Trade; H – Hotels and Restaurants; I – Transport, Storage and Communications; J – Financial Intermediation; K – Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities; L – Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security; M – Education; N – Health and Social Work; O – Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities; P – Private Households with Employed Persons; Q – Extra-Territorial Organisations and Bodies.]

The table above shows Muslims participation in different fields. It is seen that Muslims are engaged widely in agricultural activities. Their participation is low in govt. services.

Table-38
Main workers, Marginal workers, Non-workers and those marginal workers, non-workers seeking/avalable for work classified by age, sex and religion (Muslim), 2001

A ge				Marg						Non- worke	ers				
gr ou p									-						
	Main work			Tota 1			for w	ork	ailable	Tota 1			Seeki for we	ng/ava ork	ilabe
	Per son s	M ale s	Fe mal es	Pers ons	Ma les	Fem ales	Pers ons	Ma les	Fem ales	Pers ons	Ma les	Fem ales	Pers ons	Ma les	Fem ales
1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
To tal	598 20	53 67 1	614	144 83	676 4	771 9	675 4	41 71	258	180 139	703 53	1097 86	210 78	730	1377
5- 14	796	62 6	170	931	598	333	272	19 2	80	756 95	384 61	3723 4	267 4	140 4	1270

1.0	20.4	2.50	2.4	2.40	1.0	0.0	1.0	10	2.2	100	071		500	20	2.00
15- 19	384	350 1	34	248	16 65	82	13 66	10 31	33	198 64	871 8	111 46	598 8	29 06	308
19	1	1	0	6	65	1	66	31	5	64	8	46	8	06	2
20-	612	556	56	229	13	99	14	10	43	112	274	854	445	17	275
24	8	7	1	4	02	2	46	08	8	95	9	6	7	04	3
25-	810	725	85	214	94	12	11	71	45	914	102	811	300	72	228
29	6	3	3	3	0	03	73	4	9	4	7	7	2	0	2
30-	857	762	94	169	53	11	82	40	42	676	389	637	186	25	161
34	0	7	3	7	8	59	7	5	2	1		2	8	4	4
35-	925	818	10	156	44	11	71	32	39	585	184	566	139	10	128
39	7	3	74	0	7	13	6	6	0	1		7	5	8	7
40-	120	108	11	170	51	11	63	30	33	678	220	656	102	82	939
49	06	25	81	3	1	92	7	7	0	4		4	1		
50-	581	528	53	833	29	53	17	89	90	418	249	393	329	28	301
59	5	2	3		4	9	9			0		1			
60-	330	299	30	493	25	24	86	63	23	405	704	334	209	47	162
69	6	8	8		2	1				3		9			
70-	135	123	11	231	14	82	39	28	11	273	780	195	101	36	65
79	2	5	7		9					8		8			
80+	538	480	58	88	56	32	5	3	2	165 8	596	106	24	10	14
												_			
	105	94	11	24	12	12	8	5	3	257	108	149	10	6	4
A.N.															
S															
15-	537	482	54	127	56	70	63	38	24	638	135	503	180	58	122
59	23	38	85	16	97	19	44	80	64	79	36	43	60	02	58
60+	519	471	48	812	45	35	13	94	36	844	208	636	334	93	241
	6	3	3		7	5	0			9	0	9			

SOURCE-NSSO DATA

The table above shows Muslims participation in different fields. It is seen that Muslims are engaged widely in agricultural activities. Their participation is low in govt. services.

Table-39 Non-workers by main activity, age, sex and religion (Muslim)(2001)

							Ma	in acti	vity						
Age- group	Hous	ehold	duties	Do	epende	ents	Po	nsion	ers		Beggar grants			Other	S
	Per son s	Ma les	Fem ales	Per son s	Ma les	Fem ales	Per son s	Ma les	Fem ales	Per son s	Ma les	Fem	Per son s	Ma les	Fem ales
1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21	22	23
Total	352 77	76 4	345 13	693 82	31 72 9	376 53	367	17 8	189	177	67	110	127 92	40 93	869 9
0-4	120	45	75	310 67	15 77 0	152 97	0	0	0	5	1	4	86	38	48
5-14	152 9	31	121	238 27	11 79 2	120 35	0	0	0	27	14	13	401	26 0	141
15- 19	362 7	11 8	350 9	321	13 28	188 2	1	0	1	4	4	0	324 2	14 69	177 3
20- 24	532 6	73	525 3	150 1	50 8	993	0	0	0	2	1	1	292 1	10 18	190
25- 29	581 8	50	576 8	926	24 3	683	1	1	0	3	0	3	223 2	61 4	161 8
30- 34	473 8	20	471 8	618	12 0	498	2	2	0	8	3	5	137 5	23 7	113 8
35- 39	43.5 8	23	433	495	56	439	5	1	4	7	2	5	973	97	876
40- 49	507 9	30	504 9	893	92	801	14	2	12	19	9	10	759	77	682

50-	2568	20	2548	124	164	108	47	19	28	1	4	1	292	40	252
59				8		4				9		5			
60-	1391	30	1361	224	499	174	11	73	44	2	9	1	244	82	16
69				5		6	7			6		7			
70-	502	32	470	192	601	132	10	44	57	3	7	2	164	89	7
79				2		1	1			3		6			
80+	180	10	170	128	481	799	77	35	42	2	1	1	80	53	2
				0						4	3	1			
	41	3	38	150	75	75	2	1	1	0	0	0	23	19	
A.N.S															
15-	3151	33	3118	889	251	638	70	25	45	6	2	3	1179	355	82
59	4	4	0	1	1	0				2	3	9	4	2	
60+	2073	72	2001	544	158	386	29	15	14	8	2	5	488	224	26
				7	1	6	5	2	3	3	9	4			

Source-NSSO data

It is seen that Muslims female are engaged in household activities that are recognized by the society.

Table-40 Muslims workers and students in different ages (2001)

Age-group	То	otal work	ers	Students				
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Total	180139	70353	109786	62144	33522	28622		
0-4	31859	16168	15691	581	314	267		
5-14	75695	38461	37234	49911	26085	23826		
15-19	19864	8718	11146	9780	5799	3981		
20-24	11295	2749	8546	1545	1149	396		
25-29	9144	1027	8117	164	119	45		
30-34	6761	389	6372	20	7	13		
35-39	5851	184	5667	13	5	8		
40-49	6784	220	6564	20	10	10		
50-59	4180	249	3931	6	2	4		
60-69	4053	704	3349	30	11	19		
70-79	2738	780	1958	16	7	9		
80+	1658	596	1062	17	4	13		
A.N.S	257	108	149	41	10	31		
15-59	63879	13536	50343	11548	7091	4457		
60+	8449	2080	6369	63	22	41		

Source-census 2001

Above table shows the working participation of Muslim community in Tripura in different ages under different categories.

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CONCLUSION-

The study shows the deplorable condition of the Muslims in Tripura. After Gopal Sing Committee report, Sacher committee published the deplorable condition of the Muslim in India. Although they did not cover the whole India, but this paper proved the status of Muslims in Tripura is more pathetic than other caste and communities in India. Their position has gone below the SCs, STs and OBCs also.

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