

I N T R O D U C T I O N

Sardar Bhagat Singh was a great revolutionary leader and a talented political thinker. But normally the ideological contribution of the revolutionary was neglected. Recently, two important books in English and Hindi are published in which the writings of Bhagat Singh and his associates are included. Shiv Verma's edited ' Selected Writings of Shaheed Bhagat Singh ' contains many important writings. Writings of Bhagat Singh in Hindi are edited by J.M. Singh and Chamanlal which contain some hitherto unknown documents especially his writings in the ' Kirti '. Unfortunately the manuscripts of the four books written by Bhagat Singh in jail, were destroyed. They were :

- 1) The Ideal of Socialism, (2) Autobiography, (3) History of Revolutionary Movement in India, and (4) At the door of Death.

Now the recent publications of his writings clearly showed that he was far ahead of his contemporaries as far as his social and political philosophy was concerned. It is interesting to note that he had almost developed the Marxist concept of national revolution in a colonial society as he realised that revolution should be anti-imperialist, anti-feudal and anti-capitalist. He also laid stress upon the necessity of the revolutionary party to effect revolution

The purpose of the present study is to critically analyse Sardar Bhagat Singh's ideas on national revolution in a colonial society. His social and political ideas are placed in a historical context of his times and they are presented in a systematic and coherent manner. Critical study of political ideas of Sardar Bhagat Singh with reference to his concept of national revolution in a colonial society is attempted in this dissertation.

The method of the study is library research method in the sense that the writings of Bhagat Singh published in different books are critically analysed in order to present a coherent picture of his political thought. The critical study of his writings is made in the context of then developing historical situation in the country. Thus the study is mainly historical.

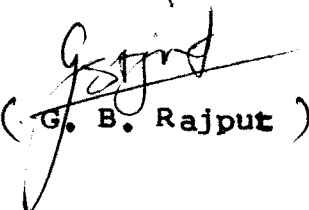
Social and political ideas of Bhagat Singh are important because Bhagat Singh correctly understood the causes of our present day problem of caste and class antagonism. He understood the limitations of the Congress politics and realised that the success of its movement would strengthen the cause of capitalism in India. But he did not understand the situation of the Gandhian movement and its political methods. In the present study which is divided into five chapters seeks to critically analyse these problems.

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