**The Evils Of dowry system**

The dowry system is the biggest evil of Indian society. The sacred institution of marriage is reduced to a business transaction. Dowry is the money and other items which the parents give away to their daughters at the time of their marriage.

This is a very old custom. It exists in all sections of Indian society. In recent times it has become widespread and problematic to parents and girls. In the past, it was a voluntary offer from the part of the parents of the brides, but now it has become compulsory. Now it is a necessary evil. The system has reduced the dignity of women. It shows that women are inferior to men. Poor parents borrow huge sums of money at high rates of interest to give dowry. Thus, it places the girl’s father in a weak position psychologically and economically, and the economy of the girl’s family is shattered for a long period. Some girls commit suicide just because their parents cannot give them dowry. Some people compel their daughter in laws to bring money even after the marriage.

Many girls are put to a lot of trouble and some of them even end their lives not long after the marriage. There are instance of persecution and killing of girls by her husband’s relatives just because she has not brought the promised dowry. The system causes a rift between wife and husband or between the families of the boy and the girl. It may result in divorce or dowry death. This is a shame to our society. The dowry system has made the life of women an agony.

This inhuman practice must be put an end to at the earliest. Now there is a great demand by the people that this evil system of dowry should be abolished completely. The educated youth of the country should make aware of this evil and they should come forward to fight this evil. The government has taken many steps to put an end to this system. Law alone cannot produce any desirable result. People should co-operate with the government to wipe out this curse to society. A strong propaganda should be started against this evil by all responsible persons in the society. Then only the black mark on the bright face of our country can be removed.