

# **WORLD BANK** **EXCLUSION OF DALITS** **BY DEFAULT**

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# Development .....

**“Development is a process of expanding the real freedoms that people enjoy.” (Amartya Sen).**

Expanding freedom - It requires the removal of major source of unfreedoms.

**WHAT ARE UNFREEDOMS IN THE  
POLITICAL ECONOMY TODAY?**

# EXCLUSION AS UNFREEDOM

**SOCIAL  
DISTENCING**

**ECONOMIC  
EXCLUSION &  
DENIAL**

**POLITICAL  
RESTRICTIONS**

**CULTURAL  
HEGIMONY**

**Insult  
Humiliatio  
n  
Segregatio  
n**

**Water  
Occupation  
Landlessness  
Forced  
labour**

**Power  
Participation  
Decision-making  
Implementation**

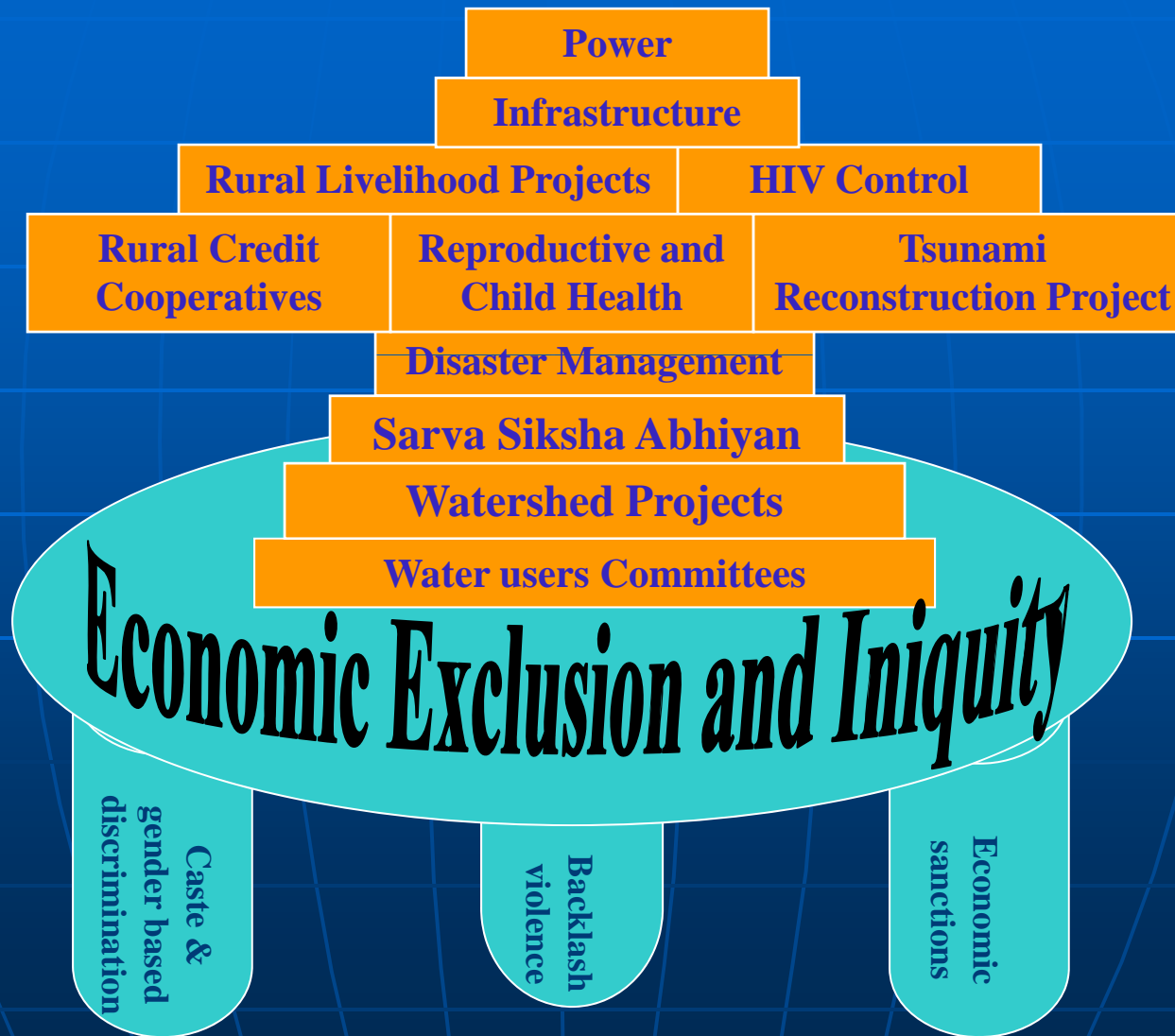
**All the functions  
related to death/  
decay/degenerate  
d are forced up  
on Dalits**

**RESULTING IN  
DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION AND RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

## Nature of exclusion and backlash violence

S.No	Atrocities related to	No. of Incidents	%
1.	Land	115	10.3
2.	Employment and Wages	117	10.5
3.	Water	58	5.2
4.	Housing	22	2.0
5.	Education	57	5.1
6.	Health	8	0.7
7.	Credit	46	4.1
8.	Hunger	96	8.6
9.	PDS	16	1.4
10	Political Participation	146	13.1
11.	Festival and cultural participation	84	7.5
12.	Development Government Programmes	45	4.0
13.	Practice of Untouchability	219	19.6
14.	Witchcraft	69	6.2
15.	Destruction of property	19	1.7
16	Total	1117	100

# Political Architecture of World Bank Projects



# WB existing policies

- ✓ Gender mainstreaming strategy
  - ✓ Tools for mainstreaming gender
  - ✓ Gender in operations – to track all the project to engendering
  - ✓ Gender stats
  - ✓ Training and capacity building programmes for engendering
  - ✓ Gender monitoring
- ✓ Operational Policy and Bank procedure on Indigenous People
- X No policy for caste based exclusion and discrimination

# THEREFORE

**Bank projects tend to**

- **Build on traditional forms of exclusion**
- **Strengthen practices of exclusion**
- **Give raise to new forms of unfreedoms**

# A Challenge

To Dalit movements

- Need change in mindset to launch national movement to reclaim economic rights
- Strategies for challenging financial institutions and counter their negative policies
- Struggle for entitlements and right to development



# A Challenge

To other movements

- Introspect on current forms of exclusion
- Strategies for inclusion of the vulnerable communities and their concerns in affects of WB policies and projects