

## CHAPTER - 2

### **2.1 REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Although Gorkhaland agitation acquired international attention, both of the academics and the news media, there is comparatively less literature available. However, the following are some of the leading works carried out.

Ramakant (Ed) (1983) in *Regionalism in South Asia* has covered the theoretical dimensions of the problems of regionalism. The author has touched upon the main reasons of the sentiments of regionalism in general and in the Indian context in particular.

Hardgrave, R.L. Jr. in *The North East, the Punjab and the Regionalization of Indian Politics*.

In *Asian Survey* has tried to explain the problems of regionalism in North East India and the State of Punjab. The author has tried to touch upon the peculiar features of regionalism in North East and that of Punjab.

Ram Reddy G. and B.A.V. Sharma (1979) in *Regionalism in India: A Study of Telengana*,

Which is a classic study of the problems of regionalism in the State of Andhra Pradesh, particularly with regard to the problems of Telengana Movement. This book gives a beautiful insight into the problems of regionalism.

Sandhu, R.S. In his writing on GNLFF Movement An overview. in Markandan, K.C (Ed) (1989) Concern of Politics (Jalandhar: ABS Publications) has excellently touched upon the historical sketch and the nature and dimensions of the problems of regionalism. The author has gone very deep in the GNLFF agitation and movement and has tried to reach a conclusion of the movement.

Gorkhaland Agitation: The Issues. An Information Document. 1986, Government of West Bengal is an authentic document regarding the Gorkhaland agitation. It has explained the status of the movement.

Don Moraes -Gorkhaland,'Guns and Ghesing". Sunday 10-16 May 1987 in his article has mainly taken up the leadership of Ghesing with regard to the GNLFF Movement. The aspect of Ghesing's aggressive attitude has been reflected in this article.

A. K. Roy, in "Breaking Away: The Perils of regionalism" in an article in The, Illustrated weekly of \_India, 22 June, 1986, has pointed out the negative dimensions of a regional movement. The author has pointed out the dangers of regional sentiments, particularly with regard to the dangers of regionalism.

Sudhir Dey, in his article on "Ghesing Seeks Constitutional Guarantee in Times.of India, 16 October, 1987 has focused on the goals of GNLFF movement has laid down the main intentions of Ghesing's programmes and the strategies for achieving the goals of separate statehood.

Malini Parthasarthy, in the article, "A Perspective on the Issues and the Politics" in the Frontline, 10- 23 January, 1987 has brilliantly touched upon the main issues and the problems of regionalism in Indian context and also that of the GNLF movement.

"Origins of a Movement," in an editorial article in the Hindustan Times 1 June 1986, has explained the origin of the GNLF movement. The author has tried to pinpoint the deprivation of the hill people as the root cause of the GNLF movement.

Hiranmay Karlekar, in his article entitled "Revolt of the Marginalised," in the Indian

Express, 27 October 1987 has pointed out to the fact that in the GNLF movement the deprived section has played a key role in the movement.

B.P, Misra, in his article 'Behind Gorkhaland Agitation" in the Mainstream Vol. XXV, No.7, 1 November 1986, is also an article which touches upon the origin of the movement. The author has tried to point out the root causes which are responsible for the crystallisation of the problem.

A.G. Noorani's work on "The Constitution and the Gorkhaland" has touched upon the issues of Gorkhaland movement from the Constitutional point of view. The author has tried to make a hair splitting analysis of the constitutional issues relating to the problem

B.G. Verghese, "Gorkhaland and all that" in an article in the Indian Express, 5 January

1987 has focused on the general issues of the Gorkhaland movement. The author has also pointed out the social dimensions of the movement.

Hiranmay Karlekar in another article entitled "Gorkhaland: Anger in the Hills in the Indian Express, 4 January 1987 has tried to touch upon the political implications of the GNLFF movement.

Ashim Mukhopadhyay, in the article on GNLFF and Left Front," in the Indian Express, 1 November 1986. has focused on the tactics of the Left Front to check the GNLFF movement.