

**A Study of “The Role of Farmer’s Movement in Rural Development in  
western U.P (1980–98)  
With Special reference to (Meerut, Muzaffarnager, Saharanpur)**

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This entire work is based on political, social and economical condition of rural society. Three district of west UP are selected for area study Saharanpur, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar. In the 1980 a powerful farmer’s movement emerges in the western part of U.P in the forefront of the farmer’s movement in U.P. was the Bharatiya Kissan Union BKU formed in 1978, with Units established in Delhi, Haryana and western U.P..

Now the question arises that the demand of remunerative Price how much contributed in the development of rural area. Actually the farmer Movement would prefer to act as a pressure group. Rural development takes account Factors economic growth education, health facilities, better infrastructural facilities in rural area, employment generation and an attack on poverty. So, in this perspective the movement for remunerative prices can’t be defines the overall development of rural area.

Amartya Sen and Jean Dreze in their book ‘India economic development and social opportunity discussed comparatively the development conditions of Indian state. In India states they compared Uttar Pradesh and Kerala. According to them the difference of social, economic and development of both states because of these factors, social Status of woman and the awareness for the government policy and also for the process of implementation. They argued that Uttar Pradesh very far behind from kerala in these field. The BKU never raised these issue of course they criticised the government Policies but only those who related to agricultural sector. BKU in its peak time not sincerely done efforts to improve the status of the women. On the front of the political mobilization definitely BKU achieved a lot.

BKU couldn’t play a positive role in the development of the area although it raises the relevant issues. The two important factors are behind this. First Mobilization

Along caste line will confuse and weaken the nascent class– consciousness of this Section of peasantry in western U.P Narrow regional lines of caste identify will take the place of sense of class solidarity with the whole peasant community second a movement

diverted of any political perspective or directed can at best be treated as a regional phenomenon , representing the back ward forces of casteism and regionalism.

Despite all of that some issue come out though this movement those are the main Challenges in the development of the area.