

**DISRESPECT AND ABUSE (D  
&A) AMONG WOMEN  
UNDERGOING DELIVERIES  
IN DISTRICT LEVEL  
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# OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To focus on the incidence of Disrespect and Abuse (D & A) among women giving birth in health facilities.
- To find out whether the incidence of Disrespect and Abuse (D & A) among women giving birth in health facilities related to their socio-economic or demographic status.



# METHODOLOGY

- Type of Study: Cross- sectional
- Duration of Study: February 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018.
- Participants: All the women undergoing normal deliveries at the hospital during the time period of the study.
- Sample Size: 154 ( excluding non responsive women, women who left against medical advice and women who were referred to higher centers)
- Study Tool: A semi structured questionnaire that was pre tested in similar settings was used for exit interviews conducted at the health facility.
- Data was entered and analyzed using SPSS.



# RESULTS

- 89 percent of women had faced at least one type of disrespect and abuse.
- It was found that the most common category of D& A is Bribe (62 percent), followed by Word Abuse ( 42 percent) and Confidentiality Issues (39 percent).
- Following table shows significant correlation between certain D&A Categories and socio- economic and demographic variables.

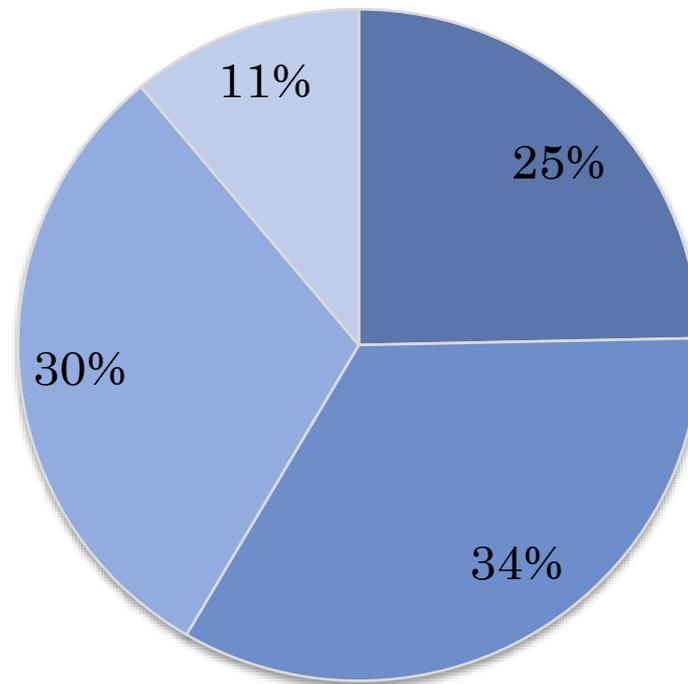


S. no	Category of D&A	Variable	Significance ( p value < .05)
1.	Physical Harm	–	–
2.	Forced Prolonged Stay	–	–
3.	Confidentiality Issues	–	–
4.	Bribe	–	–
5.	Consent Issues	Education level	.002
6.	Neglect	Caste	.019
7.	Verbal Abuse	Birth Order Caste	.042 .047

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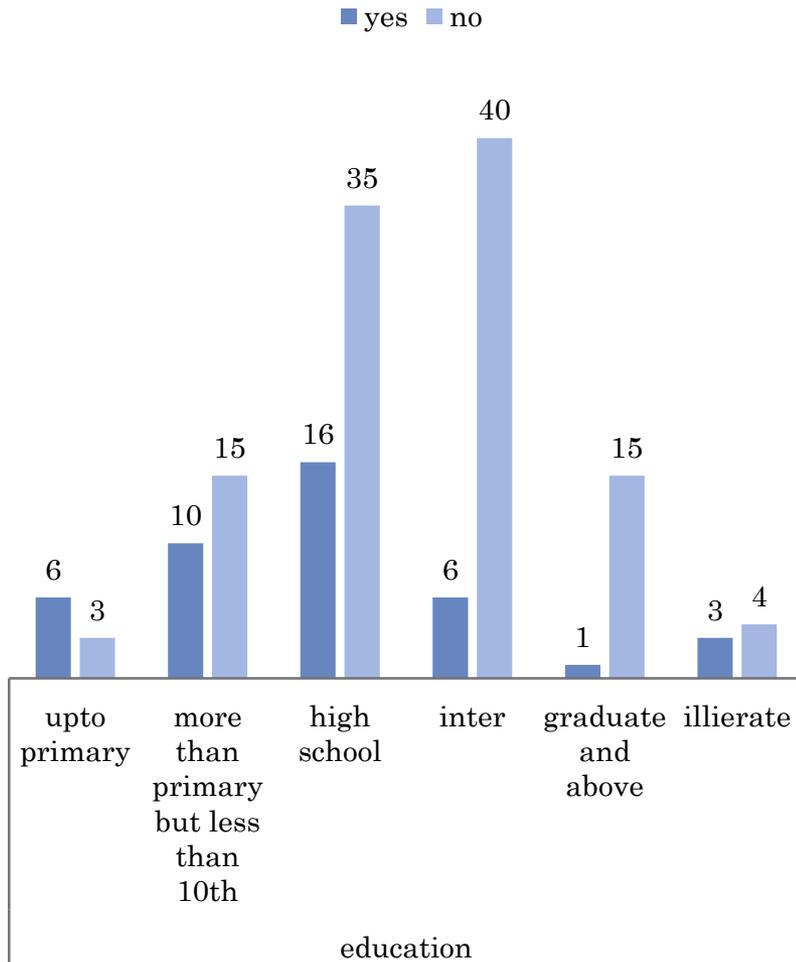
## Percent

■ D & A 1   ■ D & A 2   ■ D & A 3 or more   ■ D & A none

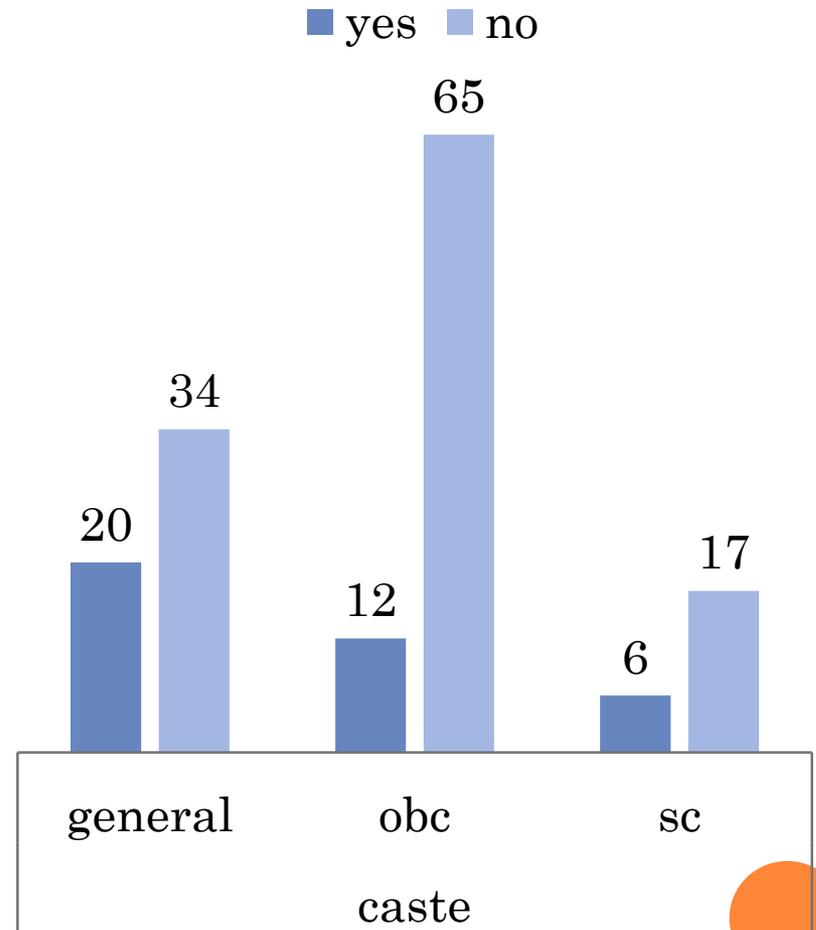


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## Consent Issues

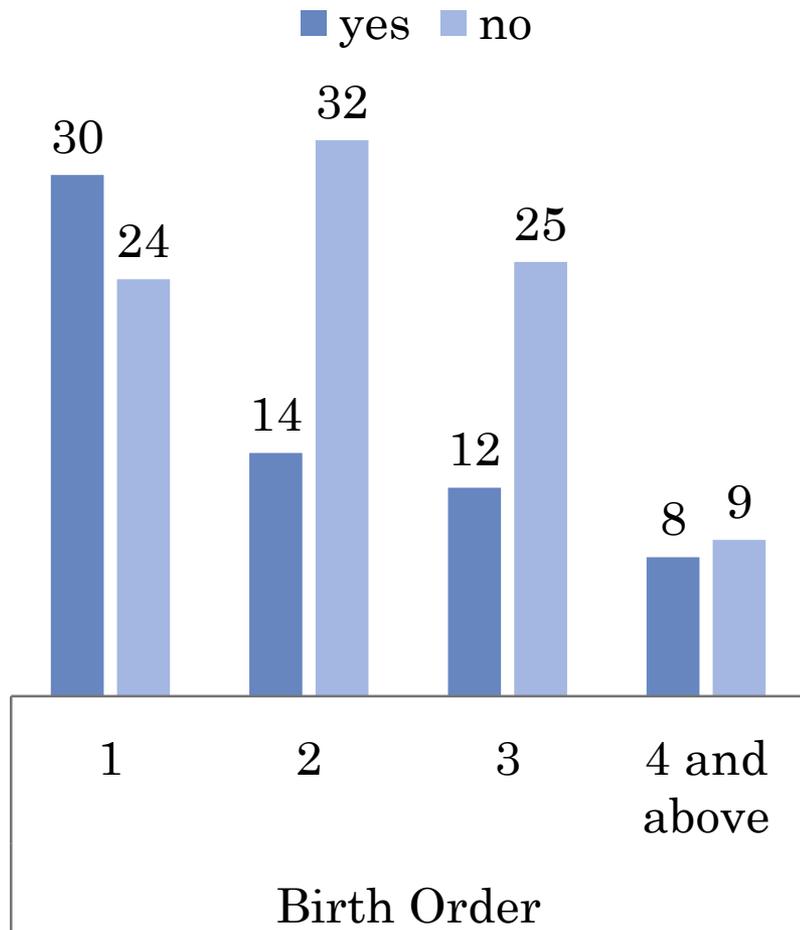


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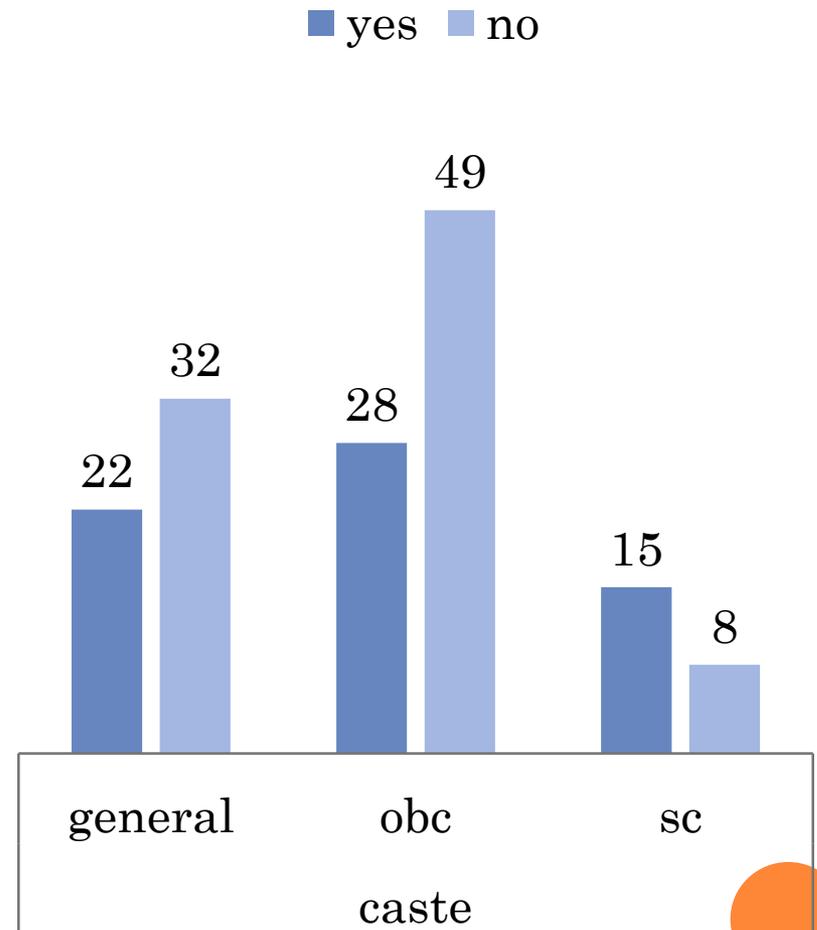


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# DISCUSSION

- Relationship existing between consent and educational status can be attributed to that literate women understand the importance of consent , for women who are illiterate or with lower educational level it is difficult to understand that before starting anything a person( here health provider) must ask for their permission.
- Casteism is still prevalent in our country and SC being one of the lowest castes are still being treated as untouchables and this may give rise to incidences of neglect towards such women.
- Also it was also found that verbal abuse was most common among this section ( lower caste) as compared to other sections of the society.
- Verbal abuse also was found related to Birth Order as it was seen that during the first time deliveries women were more irritable and restless may be due uncertainty that what all will they be undergoing, in these cases they are often verbally abused, ridiculed, shouted upon to cooperate and even threatened that if they would not cooperate they will be taken in for a caesarean operation.



## CONCLUSION/ RECOMMENDATIONS

- Though the study was performed using a small dataset it does not wholly represent the community , but it provides an insight into the incidence of Disrespect And Abuse among women undergoing deliveries.
  - The study recommends to strengthen the behavioral skills of the service providers by imparting them trainings and counseling sessions on how to provide quality care to the patient with dignity. Special modules should be added in the induction training for employees regarding development of soft skills.
  - Women admitted to labor ward should also be counseled about Patients' Rights and Responsibilities with special consideration to consent and confidentiality.
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