

Title of the paper:

Sociological Understanding of Asylum and Protection Policies of India: Where do Rohingyas Stand?

Abstract

The Rohingya crisis is an ongoing phenomenon that has displaced several hundred thousand people considered as a “textbook example of ethnic cleansing”. It is the plight of hundreds of thousands of people initiated earlier by the Myanmar government. This state-sponsored forced displacement encouraged by the Indian counterpart when the Rakhine state came under some joint economic project. In this backlash, India is experiencing welcoming people from a diverse country and providing asylum and protection. Similarly, hundreds of people are leaving India and seeking refugee status to other countries. In 2018, the percentage of refugee seeker from India rose 996 percent. In a reverse situation, Indian is becoming a so-called mother country for the asylum seekers and protection provider among the persecuted minorities in South Asia. A recent trend on these particular issues proved that Indian protection policies are behind of minorities’ migration towards India. In various ways, a large number of Hindus and Muslims have been migrating from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal Pakistan, and Sri Lanka to India due to the Indian tradition of asylum and protection policies. As the Rohingya is one of the persecuted communities not only in Myanmar but also in the World, and India as the major part of its border, they did not show any interest to protect the lives of the Rohingya people. Whether India is allowing people, especially Hindus, to come and apply for Indian citizenship, here, in terms of Rohingya protection, Indian counterpart is reluctant to interfere in this large group of forcefully displaced people. In this paper, I will be pointed out on the recent trends of the India asylum and protection policies with the focus of the Rohingya crisis. To this honor, I will do archival research. Most importantly, I will analyze the editorial content of the newspaper from the sociological point of views.