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| PART 1: Comments | | | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment | | | Author’s Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This manuscript addresses an underexplored dimension of tribal welfare by documenting intra-tribal disparities and their implications for social conflict. It advances scholarly understanding by linking empirical data with sociological theory, making it valuable for researchers, policymakers, and NGOs. The findings have direct implications for designing inclusive policies that cater to the specific needs of marginalized tribal subgroups. Furthermore, the rich field data provides an excellent resource for future comparative studies across regions. | | | Noted |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title is concise, accurate, and reflects the content effectively. | | | ok |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | Yes, the abstract provides a clear summary of the objectives, methodology, findings, and implications. However, the final sentence could briefly state the proposed policy interventions to enhance impact. | | | Effected |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Yes, the manuscript is scientifically sound. The methodology is appropriate, and the use of both statistical and thematic analysis ensures robustness. The findings are well interpreted within the theoretical framework. | | | Revised |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Yes, the references are adequate and include both classic and recent sources. To strengthen the policy implications, the author may consider including a few recent government reports (2020–2024) on tribal education and employment, if available. | | |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes, the manuscript is written in clear and coherent academic English. Minor grammatical improvements may be considered, but they do not affect the clarity of content. | | |  |
| Optional/General comments | The manuscript is well-structured and highly informative. Tables are clear, and field data is effectively used. Ethical considerations are clearly stated. With minor revisions, this manuscript will make a valuable addition to the journal.  This manuscript provides an important and timely analysis of the intra-tribal disparities in access to education and employment in Telangana. By focusing on the differential access to reservations and welfare schemes among five major tribal communities, it reveals hidden layers of inequality and emerging conflict that are rarely discussed in mainstream literature. The study uses a strong mixed-methods approach, supported by both quantitative survey data and qualitative narratives. The use of theories such as Social Exclusion and Cumulative Disadvantage further strengthens the scholarly relevance of the paper. It is an insightful and policy-relevant contribution to the literature on tribal development.  The manuscript appears original based on content and citations. | | |  |
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