

Exercise

Q1. List two Fundamental Rights in the Constitution that Dalit's can draw upon to insist that they should be treated with dignity and as equals. Re-read the Fundamental Rights listed on page 14 (of NCERT Textbook) to help you answer this question.

Ans:

- i. Right to Equality (1st Fundamental Right).
- ii. Right against Exploitation.

Q2. Re-read the story on Rathnam as well as the provisions of the 1989 Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Now list one reason why you think he used this law to file a complaint.

- i. Rathnam used the law to file a complaint because he was forced to leave the village along with his mother and other members of his family.
- ii. He filed the complaint against the domination and violence of the powerful castes of the village.

Q3. Why do Adivasi activists, including C.K. Janu, believe that Adivasis can also use this 1989 Act to fight against dispossession? Is there anything specific in the provisions of the Act that allows her to believe this?

Ans: This Act guarantees the tribals not to be dispossessed from the land and resources forcibly. Their land cannot be sold or bought by non-tribal people. The Constitution also guarantees the right of the tribal people to repossess their land.