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Title of the Research Topic	<b>“Empowerment of Rural Women through Self-Help Groups: The Impact of Mission Shakti in Bargarh District of Odisha”</b>
Abstract of the research work	The status of women since the beginning has been a matter of debate and discussion. Although they form nearly half the world's population, women are still considered intellectually and physically inferior as their position is determined by age-old practices that have no science behind them. This results in the declining socio-economic and political status of women. They are confined to the boundary of the private sphere. Thereby public sphere is inaccessible to them. Women are treated as second-class citizens and debarred from participation and decision-making in private and public spheres, whose impact can be realized even today. In such a scenario the concept of empowerment appears to be a turning point. It has been a major focus of both the governments' i.e, central and state. In this scenario the Government of Odisha has implemented the 'Mission Shakti' programme which aims at socio-economic empowerment of women through Women Self-Help Groups. The research discusses the empowerment of rural women in the context of 'Mission Shakti' and its impact in different aspects. It also studies their autonomy in the decision-making process in both the family and society. Along with that it also discusses various obstacles as well as potentials of the programme.
Progress of the research work	Started writing chapter I and collecting data from different sources

