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Notions of Social philosophy and their reflections on Dr Bhupen Hazarika's songs

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Abstract: Being social animal, man always lives his life in collaboration and co-operation with other man. Social philosophy evaluates the different aspects of man's social life. Social philosophy provides us with a perspective for problems and issues of society. Integration of the personal and social aspects of human life is the main concern of social philosophy. Man's social nature, the relation between individual and society, common good and the relation between common good and the individual good are the subject matter of social philosophy. Social ethos, culture, social harmony, resolution of social conflicts, social progress etc. are also some worth mentioning notions which have been taken care of by social philosophy.

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika (1926-2011), an artist of multi-faceted talents was an epoch-making singer who depicted pieces of bright pictures of love, nature, man, country and nation in his songs. Moreover, highlighting harmony and revolution he has created a good number of socially significant songs. Primary subjects of such songs are man and society. Bhupen Hazarika projects common mass as power. He is sincere enough to use his songs as an instrument for social change. He tries to inculcate a sense of universal brotherhood to wage war against social evils.

Key words: society, social philosophy, Bhupen Hazarika, man, social harmony, social change.

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Introduction

In the informal sense, philosophy is a way of life. But in the formal sense, philosophy is an academic study of different fields. Primarily, there are three major fields of Philosophy- Metaphysics, Epistemology and Axiology. The third field is related to values-the Truth, the Good, the Beauty, the Holy, after all the norms. It is a normative field. The discipline Social philosophy is included within this field. Most commonly, as Gisbert put, social philosophy is defined as the meeting point of sociology and philosophy. Social philosophy evaluates the different aspects of man's social life.

Asam Ratna Bhupen Hazarika (1926-2011), an artist of multi-faceted talents was an epoch-making singer who has depicted pieces of bright pictures of love, nature, man, country and nation in his songs. Moreover, highlighting harmony and revolution, he has created a good number of socially significant songs and brought a radical change to the society. His active socio-political life was full of spirit and as a result we have got many evergreen songs as wonderful gifts.