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The study will provide knowledge about reasons of their exclusion from society. It is a common-sense fact that the Dalits in general and the Dalit women in particular are a community who face marginalization and discrimination. Historically they are the most stigmatized groups of people and their marginalization is sanctioned through the religious texts. It is also a common-sense that the situation of the Dalits and Dalit women has hardly changed since ancient times. What are the contemporary nature and forms of marginalization and discrimination? Particularly, in the context of a plethora of policies and governmental initiatives, how such marginalization and discrimination survive and escapes the vigilant eyes of the government welfare and social justice mechanisms. In the introduction and review of literature chapters, we reviewed a number of studies conducted which attempt to use the concept of social exclusion to understand marginalization and discrimination, in general, and Dalit and Dalit women in particular. Most studies identify class, caste and gender as primary mechanisms that are enmeshed to produce marginalization and discrimination among the Dalits. In this study, we attempt to empirically test these theoretical findings and try to understand how the multidimensional forms of exclusion operate in the rural and urban settings.