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Animal Farm as a Political Satire :-

The chief purpose of satire is to ridicule evils and follies of society. Of course, satire is a literary achievement. According to Richard Garnett, 'satire is the expression in adequate terms of the sense of amusement or disgust excited by the ridiculous or unseemly, provided that humour is a distinctly recognized element, and that the utterance is invested with literary form. Without humour satire is mere clownish jeering.' All the novels of George Orwell are closely related to the current happenings of politics. In fact, Animal Farm is a political satire of contemporary society.

Orwell aimed at presenting the Soviet myth in 'Animal Farm'. The revolutionary thoughts of Karl Marx influenced the citizens of Russia, and these thoughts gave birth to Communism. The main motive of Communists was to bring equality to the society. Firstly, Communism started to function in Russia under the leadership of Stalin and Trotsky. Later on, Trotsky had to leave Russia, although the causes of his disappearance were unknown and not clear.

Animal Farm has been presented as an animal fable. In the fantastic story of Animal Farm there is a severe

assault on the Russian political system' Orwell never misses his actual purpose of Communism as shown in the novel Animal Farm. Stalin, the ruler of Russia those days declared that he was going to establish socialism in England. Orwell very well proves that Stalin's policies were also highly impacted by Russian corruption. The social experiment at which Stalin's policies were also impacted by corruption. The socialist experiment at which Stalin aimed at, was nothing but a trick to influence the Russians. In other words, it can be said that Orwell was anti-Communist and he appears to prove that Communism is not socialism. Several characters and the story of the novel Animal Farm take after the Russian Revolution. Orwell does not criticize the revolution.

Animal Farm is a great political satire as it has a beautiful blending of humor and wit. Even the tragic events have been presented in this novel in comic atmosphere. The exile of Snowball, the attack of Jones, and killing of ducks are very tragic occurrences, but the author described them in humor and wit. After the revolution in Animal Farm, the animals seem to be very happy.

Herein, Orwell realizes the fact that a satirist should keep his personality away from the satire. He uses subjectivity in all his novels, except Animal Farm which has objectivity. Thus, Animal Farm is a great political satire.