

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter will present some subchapters, background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation. Those are important to be explained because they will describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of The study

Novel is written in various sense and theme. It sometimes tells about the reflection of the social condition in the particular time which contains the value of the social phenomena, author thought, human's problems, conflict, and the way of life. It means that novel is created by the authors to express their ideas about the issue of social condition based on the author experiences or the people in society. Literature also become the mirrors of the current social condition correctly that depicts some social reality aspect. Wellek and Warren (1949:90) stated that "Literature is an expression of the society". All of the experiences can be saved in their own history. The war is unforgettable history that can be worse luck experienced by all of nation. The negative impacts of war has been gained by both of countries which are in conflict. All of them are the damage of serious environment, psychological problem, and cultural identity.

In the colonial period, Iyer (2002:1) stated that the expansion of European empires starting at the end of the 15th century has been important feature of world history. Then, at the beginning of the 20th century, large part of Africa and Asia

were still colonized by European power included India. It means that the cruel colonization under the great British power, Indian as colonized and native had experienced very worse luck more than a century. The colonizer deceived the colonized people to obey what they want deceitfully and sly behavior. The Britain is conquered of many countries and give influential nation in colonialism. Directly, the suffering had gotten by Indian who were colonized. They did not have same ability to create prosperity. Furthermore, they were not allowed to have position equally.

According to Butt's statement (2013:2) that "the historical colonialism is not generally supported the power of colonization that was occurred in a nation in the present day, three characteristics which regularly emerge in description of colonialism; domination, cultural imposition, and exploitation". It means that three characteristics of colonialism that happened in a country can be identified as colonialism. Furthermore, the history of colonialism does not ensure that the colonialism in the past still happened in the present day. It supported by Michel (2014:4) "the new forms of colonization world today, the strong powers have not continued totally to interfere in internal affair in formally colonized nation". It means that the strong powers can not always control overall the series problem internal nation as the new forms of colonization world today. Ocheni (2012:53) stated that "the colonizers exploit the colonized land as a means to maximize their benefit as well as the power of colonialism". To sum up all of the statement above it can be taken that colonialism is direct and overall domination of one country to

another on basis of territory power hold by foreign power. The aim of this colonization is to exploit the colonized country.

On the other hand, the colonization gave the complex effect to colonized country continuously. The impact of colonization will always stuck on the memory of colonized people. It can be the doctrine's form and thought of colonized people that colonizers be the best in terms of education, culture, and economy. The colonized thought to have better quality of life. They have to mimic all of the colonizer's ways of life. The treatment of colonizer to colonized people is not sufficient about physical sufferance. But, colonizer brought and introduced education system to colonized people in order to learn knowledge of colonizer although they come from different culture.

As the result, the existence of colonization are two different parts, both of them are colonized and colonizer. They had relation each other such as the position of superior and inferior. Then, the impact of colonization influenced highly to the literary work of the colonized country. There are many kinds of literary works. One of them is a novel that became the reflection and circumstance of the society in the colonization era until nowadays. The examples of the phenomenon in the novel about subalternity that depicted about the struggle of Indian who wanted to get equal power with colonizer. Sometime, it becomes the common phenomenon in India's literary work. It is known that all of them are the result of historical phenomena combination that had been happened toward several times until nowadays.

Furthermore, there are so many kinds of Indian literary works that contain themes about subaltern struggle to get independence and right. All of them are the applications which connected to post – colonialism and close also with Indian literary works which has be a state of colonialism. There are some of famous Indian authors who has written literary work which applied post – colonial perspective on the major issue about subaltern. They describe about life condition and local society. Those authors are Anita Desai, Nayantara Sahgal, Arundhati Roy and the others.

The famous author who has written his literary work deeply about the social condition that colored literary world with a brilliant idea is Aravind Adiga. Ramteke (2013:1) stated that he is an Indian author who was born in Madras, October 23 1974 and grew up in Mangalore. He got his bachelor of art in English Literature from Colombia University, New York. Then he spent his time at Magdalene College, Oxford. Adiga left his journalism academic from United State, United Kingdom, for journalism academic in India, began to publish his literary work in 2006. His articles have been featured in *Outlook India* and *The times of India*. Furthermore, he just focused on creative work. His fiction and non - fiction involve contemporary India and individual's experience. His successful debut novel *The White Tiger* that was first published and ever won Man Booker Prize 2008. Almost all of his literary works contained discrepancy social especially *Last Man in Tower*.

The novel *Last Man in Tower* describes about the circumstance of India after happened the war 1965 with Pakistan in the old day. The war between two

countries both of them are India and Pakistan is in under control the British political power. Then, a major problem of the war India - Pakistan is caused by the territory's problem after the India separated with British in World War II. After long time, the life in Mumbai was continued. A man named Mr. Dharmen Shah is the owner of Confidence Group as developer in India tried to mimic the colonizer people as means to get position equally with colonizer. He has big mission to develop two towers as *Pucca* becomes the luxurious modern buildings at the present day. The society in Mumbai known well that *pucca* is the cultural heritage that was very respected by the society. Firstly, all of the people in the towers rejected Shah's offering. But, he was very cunning in his under power control. He managed all of the people in towers to accept his offering. A retired schoolteacher named Master Ji or Yogesh Murthy is the only one person who rejected his generous offering.

In this study, the writer is interested in post – colonialism especially about mimicry, hybridity, and subaltern to analyze deeper about the effects and impacts of colonization because the novel *Last Man in Tower* explained the circumstance of India after being colonization. This novel reveals about a critic of western hegemony throughout Eastern culture and values. Then, the close relationship between the superior and inferior under post - colonial condition. Furthermore, the response of subaltern people struggle and maintain his voice and right in the society. The exact way to analyze these issues will use Post colonial takes two theorists Homi K. Bhaba and Gayatri Spivak.

Mimicry and Hybridity which proposed by Homi K. Bhaba's theory, Mimicry is famously known as the process where the colonized adapted the strength and good side of the colonizer, to show their resistance toward colonization. It is an ingenuity way of colonized to observe and apply the great things owned by colonizer. Hybridity is the creation of new cultural transaction forms between different culture that produced new cultural identity into one space cultural and is also elaborated with the Gayatri spivak's theory about subaltern usually was getting oppression by elite people. *Last Man in Tower* was chosen as resource of data because it described about how the discrepancy social condition in India and the subaltern's way to against a series problem in their life.

1.2 Statement of research problem

Based on the background of the study, the statement of research problem is How are mimicry, hybridity, and subaltern portrayed in *Last Man in Tower*?

1.3 Objective of the study

Based on the statement of the problem, the objective of this study is to describe about how mimicry, hybridity, and subaltern are portrayed in *Last Man in Tower*.

1.4 Significance of the study

This study will be expected to provide theoretical and practical benefit. Theoretically, the result of the study can provide a better understanding related to theory of post – colonialism. Furthermore, practically this study is expected to give contribution to the society. Hopefully, this study can be alternative that

provide additional information regarding mimicry, hybridity, and subaltern issues to support the raising researchers.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

To limit the analysis of this study, the writer focuses on analyzing the data which describe the mimicry, hybridity, and subaltern issues depicted in characters *Last Man in Tower*. In analyzing this study, the writer used post – colonialism theory as means to reveal the mimicry, hybridity, and subaltern issues in post – colonial era depicted in *Last Man in Tower* novel. The limitation aims to limit the analysis and the finding of this study would be significant as well.