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UNHOUSEMENT TO ENHOUSEMENT : A STUDY OF
BHARATI MUKHERJEE'S WIFE AND JASMINE

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The word "Diaspora" is derived from the Greek word "dia" which means 'through' and "sperio" which means 'scattering or dispersion'. The term was first used in the context of the experiences and predicament of the Jews who were rendered homeless after the Babylonian conquests. In the present context, this term is used more or less "loosely as an inclusive term which is applied as "metaphoric designations" for all the displaced people- expatriates, immigrants, exiles, refugees, and other ethnic minorities" (Pandey 160). It is a movement of people from one or more nation states to another. They migrate to a foreign country and become a part of that country for real and better life of comfort and happiness. "They do not want to be confined to the boundary of a nation state; they break it and move on and on for their personal progress and development" (Mishra 170). In Fanon's vivid phrase, the diasporic community is the community of "individuals without an anchor, without horizon, colorless, stateless, rootless. . ." (171). Thus "diaspora" refers not only to physical displacements but also refers to a "sensibility in which nostalgia, alienation and sometimes cynical celebration are deeply engrossed" (Pandey 161). Satendra Nandan writes: "Diasporic