

AWARENESS OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AMONGST THE MIGRANT LABOURERS OF INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Before the global pandemic COVID19 devastatingly affected the whole world, no one ever understood the plight of our migrating labourers and what this so called 'unorganised' sector of our country's economy had to face not only from the monetary angle but from health and dwelling front as well. Leave aside paying rent, they were deprived of roof above their heads and even basic meals during lockdown. In India, the overall number of inter-state and intra-state migrants is not in thousands or lakhs but in crores. Trying to cover up the huge loss that our migrant labour faced, government made an effort to formulate more labour-friendly schemes for them and their families and add in the already existing list. But question arises 'Is this suffering lot actually aware of these schemes? Are their families in villages able to avail of such schemes? This is one of the main concerns that need to be brought to the attention of researchers and policymakers in our country. This study is an attempt to throw light on the fact that in spite of so many schemes floated by our government, just a small percentage of our migrant labourers and their families are actually aware of these schemes. In this study multi stage sampling was done. First was purposive sampling method followed by proportionate and random sampling methods. Data was collected through direct interview method. Analysis was done using SPSS technique. From four construction sites in Mumbai 212 number of migrant labourers were taken as sample, study was carried out and results taken thereof.

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