

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF URBAN SLUMS DWELLERS

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ABSTRACT

There are different reasons for prevailing urban slums. The reasons may be lack of functional skills, education health income and hygiene resources, but we have to know the slum dwellers too play an important role in the building of the nation, with this it turned an important on for the progress of the nation. Here it is aimed to study the theoretical ideas pertaining to Socio-Economic conditions of the slums. There is a necessity for improving the conditions of these areas it is possible through the skill enhancement programs and people participation.

KEYWORDS: *Slum, Lack, Skill, Dweller, Nation Program, Socio-Economic, Improve.*

Introduction

The word 'Slum' differs from country to country. In our country it is differing from state to state of HDI. It is understand as a place where houses are unfit for human living and or in a dilapidation, over crowding with faulty arrangements, faulty streets faulty drain light in house and less safety and dying robels and health conditions.

The census of India has defined a slum as " A " compact area of at least three hundred in population or about sixty to seventy households of poorly built congested tenants in an unhygienic.

Unhygienic Facilities

In other way it defined as, "Slums are an urban phenomenon and they represent an imbalance between migration into cities and economic growth within the city itself.

There are several reasons behind growing the Slums majorly the uncontrollable exhounds to few of the areas leads to over crowdedness in cities and sometimes lack of awareness regarding birth spacing and very less access of facilities. The urbanisation in India has been increasing fasly, accordingly the improper facilities in urban localities are turning as slums equally.

Objectives

The main objections of this paper are:

- To study the reasons behind growing urban.
- To identify the core areas behind urban slums.
- To improve the conditions of slum dwells.

Research Methodology

The data has collected from the primary sources like field visits and interviewing the slum dwellers.

The India slums cover the suty two present of countries GDP, so it an essential area to improve the conditions and facilities. The living conditions of two by third are simple and housing in these areas becoming major health concern due to overcrowded conditions in these areas.

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We can understand the major issues of urban slums are.

- Drinking Water
- Education
- Health
- Transportation and
- Improper sanitation

Many of the places in the world are facing a severe problem of drinking water once in 9 year but increasing pollution and urbanization in slums it is a problem of year round. Through out our country more than two by third of slum dwellers unable to access safe drinking water. The main sources of drinking water are hand pumps and tap water. Improper drinking water facilities and unsafe drinking water will spread water born diseases. The stagnant water will pool to grow mosquitoes.

Lack of toilets is a major health problem in urban slums. In most of the urban slums areas there are no bath rooms for bathing open defecation spreads diseases. It leads to parasitic infections and fecal oral disease.

Government is promoting free education in slums the elementary, High and junior education. The average literacy rate in slums is sixty five percent only. In primary and higher school the drop out rate is very high. It is due to the family economic conditions. In some of the slum localities for some of the students higher educational facilities so they are off from the higher education facilities. The only rewards to it is to break out the poverty.

In urban localities the other problem is the huge economic failure since the failure of corresponding economic growth they are living in below poverty line. The basic and farmost reasons behind it is the addiction to alcoholism in slum leads to moral and the economic degradation. Some times it leads to socio abuse and domestic violence besides health problems. The moral migrants of the slum dwellers doesn't bother about their economic prosperity for their economic advancement it should be discussed openly and managed. Several issues like education to economic and transportation to medical issues of slums are reluctant to change they lead of a simple life. If unless they intended to bring change in them there is no change appears till then, so it is very important to organise programs to create awareness among the slum dwellers to bring a change in them. These can bring a positive attitude and motivation.

Some times local political conditions force to dwelling and delay in conditions in the slums, lack of affordable low housing and poor housing encourage for prevailing slums. As we know that the slum dweller economic conditions are poor so it leads to dominate their life style of living conditions like house health education lighting electricity latrine and sewage facilities.

The employment of urban dwellers is obviously self employment like auto driver thela puller, rickshaw pullers, it leads to maintaining rag keeping cleaning of house labourer etc. since slum dweller are illiterate and with low education profile they are unable to secure good jobs. It leads to low earning and less purchasing capacity. Generally the socio-economic status of these people is characterised as low income group. The socio-economic condition is calculated through explained of income occupation and their expenditure. Occupation is playing an important role in socio-economic status. It effects the other elements of other living standards of population, development and progress.

The socio-economic status depends upon the living conditions of individuals. These standards also depends upon the income of the family. It is helpful to improve life conditions they earn low income compare to heavy work load. The income which means the earnings of the slum dwellers is varied from person to person and family to family.

Level of education occupation religion marital status age at marriage household size and wealth are becoming the socio-economic related indicators.

The socio-economic profile of slum dwellers shows a clear picture of factors such as caste religion education health living conditions of the family and annual income status. The two variables of caste and religions play equal important role in patterning and growth of slums. Hence caste is also playing a prominent role and employment plays as the basic indicator of economy. As we know that the quality of life is measured directly with the help of the family income.

The study has shown that the polluted drinking water insanitary living conditions poor personal hygiene and food cleanliness are contributed to water related ailment in the slums dwellers. It is impact of poverty and environmental factors highly pronounced between the slums and the pavement dwellers.

Conclusion

The slum conditions of education economy sanitation drinking water and health are improved by compaining of awareness program and more active political interference. The skill enhancement programs could certainly improve the economic conditions of the slum dwellers further it will helpful to improve the socio-economic conditions of the slums. There should be imitations to reduce the migrations to which are hitting the urban slums. Call for the active participation of slum dwellers in improving the conditions of their localities.

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