

SITUATION OF RURAL INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN KOTA PANCHAYET OF AUSGRAM – II BLOCK OF EAST BURDWAN DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India is a developing country. About 70% of people live in rural India, depending on the primary sector of the economy. Rural infrastructures play a vital role in the improvement of the rural livelihood pattern through basic amenities like – road, drinking water, education, medical facilities, bank, power supply etc. Countries progress is assessed through the quality of infrastructure. Socio-economic infrastructures have a vital role in rural development phenomena. In this paper, an attempt has been made to study some basic socio-economic infrastructures in Kota panchayet area of Ausgram – II block through calculating weighted scores. Ranking of different mouzas best on basic services has been done from census data. Besides a comparative analysis between the panchayet picture and block scenario has been done. Decadal changes in infrastructural development have been also shown. The mouzas having rail and frequent road networks are more developed but forest-based mouzas are less developed. Simple statistical and cartographic techniques have been employed to complete this paper. Some recommendations have been suggested for further development of the study area.

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