

A STUDY ON THE WORKING CONDITIONS AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF URBAN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI TOWN

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ABSTRACT

Construction workers form the chunk of the unorganized labor force in our Country and in our State as well. More than a lakh is engaged in the construction industry in Tamil Nadu. A considerable number of such construction workers are women and children. The anguish of these workers is certainly a matter of concern. All most all the construction industry is in need of a vast labor force comprising of uneducated villagers from adjoining districts and even remote states. The laborers and their families working in the site are not provided with space with proper living conditions and they live close to the construction sites in camps or in city slums. As the construction workers are mainly migrants, the educational needs of their children are often neglected. They usually live in temporary haven which may or may not be close to public schools. These workers face a number of health issues, legal issues and issues pertaining to their living conditions and working conditions .There is an immediate need to address these issues. Hence, an attempt has been made in this research work to study the living conditions and working conditions of urban construction workers and to analyze the problems faced by them in the study area.

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