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2.1 Introduction

The present chapter has been designed to introduce Sample Villages in order to provide one with background information of the villages on socio-economic conditions to enable one to appreciate the problem at hand better.

The information are brief and do not claim to be exhaustive. The basic idea behind such a brevity is to pick and choose some conditions so that attention may fall on what is more important than the rest. One may of course, suggest that more information in this regard should be provided to enrich the contents of this chapter but it is believed that the essence of the study is Family Planning and its socio-economic implications and hence, more attention should be given on the analysis of such nature and problems than increasing the list of information in this regard. Only relevant information have been included.

2.2 Description of the Villages

For the present study six villages are selected through random sampling technique. Three villages - Deshbandhunagar, Debnagar and Vivekananda Colony are near to

Jalpaiguri town and three villages viz. Kachua, Singimari and Subash Fally are far from the town.

Social, economic, educational status and other information and data of the villages are collected. For the collection of this data helps of Panchayats and Cultural Club/Organisations of the villages are taken.

2.2.1 Deshbandhunagar

This village is near to Jalpaiguri town and the distance of the village from town is only 1 kilometer. This village is an urbanised Government Colony. It belongs to Kharia-1 Anchal Panchayat.

According to 1971 Census report, total population of this village is 4,500. Total families are 425. The numbers of families belonging to different income groups have been given.

Table 2.1

Annual Income in Rs.	No. of Families
Below - 1,000.00	52
1,001.00- 5,000.00	240
5,001.00- 10,000.00	120
10,001.00 and above	13

In Table 2.1, we find only 52 families earn below Rs. 1,000.00 annually. 240 families earn Rs. 1,001.00 to

Rs. 5,000.00 and 120 families earn Rs. 5,001.00 to Rs.10,000.00 and only 13 families earn above Rs. 10,001.00 annually. The following table further show numbers of families belonging to different sub-groups of gross annual income.

Table 2.2

Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of families
Below 1,000.00	52
1,001.00 - 2,000.00	30
2,001.00 - 3,000.00	60
3,001.00 - 4,000.00	55
4,001.00 - 5,000.00	45
5,001.00 - 6,000.00	40
6,001.00 - 7,000.00	28
7,001.00 - 8,000.00	20
8,001.00 - 9,000.00	18
9,001.00 - 10,000.00	14
10,001.00 and above*	13

* No further sub-groups have been made with regard to income-groups of Rs. 10,001.00 and above.

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The following Table will show number of families belonging to different landholding groups (in acre).

Table 2.3

Landholding groups (in acre)	No. of families
Below 1 acre *	305
1 acre	50
1.01 to 3 acre	35
3.01 to 5 acre	25
5.01 to 7 acre	10
7.01 to 9 acre	Nil
9.01 to 10 acre	Nil
10.01 and above	Nil

* 3 bighas = 1 acre (Approx.).

There are two High Schools (one for Boys and another for Girls) and three Primary Schools in this village. In this village 5 per cent belongs to Scheduled Castes and the rest 95 per cent belongs to Upper Hindu Castes. There are no Scheduled Tribes and Muslims in this village. 30 per cent people are agriculturists, 70 per cent ^{are} engaged in different occupations viz. L.I.C. and Bank Workers, Teachers, (Primary and Secondary), Clerks (Govt. and Non-Government), Contractors, Homoeopathic Doctors, businessmen engaged in different trades and tea-garden employees.

2.2.2 Debnagar

This village is also near to Jalpaiguri town. Its distance from the town is only 3 kilometers. It is under Kharia -1 Anchal Panchayat. According to 1971 Census, total population is 2800 and total families are 326. Among 2800 persons, only seven persons are Muslims and the rest belongs to Hindu community. 20 per cent belongs to Scheduled Castes, number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes is nil and the rest belongs to Upper Hindu Casts (Brahmin, Kayastha, etc.). There are two High Schools, two Primary Schools, one Government Library and two Cultural Clubs in this village.

In this village 40 per cent people are engaged in agricultural work and 60 per cent people in different occupations viz. Teachers (Primary and Secondary), Clerks (Government and Non-Government), Homoeopathic Doctors, Contractors, Owners of grocers' shop and Businessmen etc.

Gross annual income status of these families is given in the following Tables (Broad and Sub-groups) :

Table 2.4

Broad Groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	55
1,001.00 - 5,000.00	158
5,001.00-10,000.00	103
10,001.00 and above	10

Table 2.4.1

Sub-groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)		No. of Families
Below	1,000.00	55
1,001.00 -	2,000.00	52
2,001.00 -	3,000.00	41
3,001.00 -	4,000.00	36
4,001.00 -	5,000.00	29
5,001.00 -	6,000.00	27
6,001.00 -	7,000.00	24
7,001.00 -	8,000.00	20
8,001.00 -	9,000.00	18
9,001.00 -	10,000.00	14
10,001.00	and above	10

Number of families belonging to different landholding groups is given below :

Table 2.5

(in acres)		(in numbers)
Below 1 acre	..	143
1 acre	..	65
1.01 acre to 3 acre	..	46
3.01 acre to 5 acre	..	30
5.01 acre to 7 acre	..	25
7.01 acre to 9 acre	..	10
9.01 acre to 10 acre	..	2
10.01 acre and above	..	Nil

2.2.3 Vivekananda Colony

This village is under Belacoba Anchal Panchayat. Its distance from the town is 14 kilometers by train. Both train and bus services are available. According to 1971 Census total population of this village is only 285 and total number of families is seventy. It is a developing village. Though there is no school in the area of the village yet students of this village go to nearby village for educational purpose. Bank, Post Office etc. are situated within two kilometers from the village. Notable offices situated within two kilometers of this village are as follows :

(1) Central Bank of India (Branch Office); (2) Belacoba Agricultural Marketing Society Limited; (3) Jute Corporation of India; (4) Belacoba Regulating Marketing Society; (5) Settlement Halka Camp; (6) Post Office (Branch); (7) Railway Station; (8) Junior Basic Training School; (9) Belacoba High School (XI, XII Unit); (10) Belacoba Girls' School; and (11) Primary School.

There is no Muslim in this village. In this village 60 per cent belongs to Scheduled Castes, 40 per cent belongs to Upper Hindu Castes (Brahmin, Kayastha, Baidya etc.) and number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes is nil.

Gross annual income status of these families is as follows (given in broad and sub-groups) :

Table 2.6
Broad Groups

Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	15
1,001.00 to 5,000.00	35
5,001.00 to 10,000.00	20
10,001.00 and above	Nil

Table 2.6.1
Sub-groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	15
1,001.00 to 2,000.00	11
2,001.00 to 3,000.00	9
3,001.00 to 4,000.00	8
4,001.00 to 5,000.00	7
5,001.00 to 6,000.00	7
6,001.00 to 7,000.00	6
7,001.00 to 8,000.00	5
8,001.00 to 9,000.00	2
9,001.00 to 10,000.00	Nil
10,001.00 and above	Nil

Number of families belonging to different landholding groups is given below :

Table 2.7

Landholding group (in acre)	No. of Families
Below 1 acre	13
1 acre	16
1.01 acre to 3 acre	14
3.01 acre to 5 acre	12
5.01 acre to 7 acre	10
7.01 acre to 9 acre	Nil
9.01 acre to 10 acre	Nil
10.01 acre and above	Nil

In this village 60 per cent people are engaged in agricultural work and the rest 40 per cent people in different types of works viz. Primary teachers, Clerks (Government and Non-Government), Sub-staff (Government and Non-Government), owners of morning stalls in hat, owners of grocers' shop etc.

2.2.4 Kachua

This village is under Boalmari-Nandanpur Anchal. It is far from the town. Its distance from the town is 13 Kms. According to 1971 Census, total population of this village is 1640. Total families are 312. There is no High School in

this village. Students get educational facility from neighbouring village. There is no Health Centre in this village. Family planning activity is done through neighbouring Health Centre. In this village 20 per cent belongs to Muslim community, 70 per cent belongs to Scheduled Castes, the rest belongs to Upper Hindu Castes and number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes is nil. Moreover there is one Christian family in this village.

The following Tables further show numbers of families belonging to different groups of gross annual income.

Table 2.8
Broad Groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	90
1,000.00 to 5,000.00	176
5,001.00 to 10,000.00	46

Table 2.8.1
Sub-groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	90
1,000.00 to 2,000.00	70
2,001.00 to 3,000.00	50
3,001.00 to 4,000.00	34
4,001.00 to 5,000.00	22
5,001.00 to 6,000.00	17
6,001.00 to 7,000.00	14
7,001.00 to 8,000.00	10
8,001.00 to 9,000.00	5
9,001.00 to 10,000.00	Nil
10,001.00 and above	Nil

Number of families belonging to different landholding groups is given below :

Table 2.9

Landholding groups (in acre)	No. of Families
Below 1 acre	85
1 acre	75
1.01 acre to 3 acre	55
3.01 acre to 5 acre	35
5.01 acre to 7 acre	25
7.01 acre to 9 acre	20
9.01 acre to 10 acre	12
10.01 acre and above	5

In this village 70 per cent people are agriculturists and the rest 30 per cent are engaged in different occupations viz. Primary teachers, Clerks (Government and Non-Government), vegetable sellers, owners of morning stalls in hat etc.

2.2.5 Singinari

This village is under Nagar Berubari Anchal Panchayat. It is far from the town. Its distance from the town is 21 Kms. No train service is available here. Total population of this village is 1458. Total number of families is 314.

Gross annual income status of these families is given below :

Table 2.10
Broad Groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	106
1,001.00 to 5,000.00	170
5,001.00 to 10,000.00	38

Table 2.10.1
Sub-groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	106
1,001.00 to 2,000.00	75
2,001.00 to 3,000.00	46
3,001.00 to 4,000.00	29
4,001.00 to 5,000.00	20
5,001.00 to 6,000.00	16
6,001.00 to 7,000.00	12
7,001.00 to 8,000.00	7
8,001.00 to 9,000.00	3
9,001.00 to 10,000.00	Nil
10,001.00 and above	Nil

Number of families belonging to different landholding groups is given below :

Table 2.11

Landholding groups (in acre)	No. of Families
Below 1 acre	120
1 acre	80
1.01 acre to 3 acre	50
3.01 acre to 5 acre	35
5.01 acre to 7 acre	15
7.01 acre to 9 acre	10
9.01 acre to 10 acre	4
10.01 acre and above	Nil

In this village, there is no High School, number of Primary School is 2, students of this village get higher educational facility from neighbouring village. In this village maximum number of people are engaged in business, viz. owners of morning stalls in hat, milk sellers, sellers of jute, paddy and other vegetables. 75 per cent belongs to Scheduled Castes, 20 per cent belongs to Upper Hindu Castes and 5 per cent belongs to Muslim community. Few numbers of primary teachers and homeopathic doctors are noticeable.

2.2.6 Subash Pally

This village is under Sukhani Anchal near Rajganj Thana. Its distance from the town is 23 kilometers. Though this village is far from the town, yet villagers get various facilities from Rajganj Thana. There is no School (Primary, Secondary) in the area of the village. Students have to go for study in Rajganj. Total number of population is 780. Total number of families is 144. Notable offices/institutions of Rajganj are as follows :

- (1) Rajganj Thana ; (2) Junior Land Revenue Office ;
- (3) Block Development Office ; (4) Health Centre ;
- (5) Mogradangi Hospital (Leprosy) ; (6) Co-operative Bank ;
- (7) One High School ; (8) Cultural Library ; and
- (9) Two Cultural Clubs, etc.

There is no Muslim in this village. In this village, 85 per cent belongs to Scheduled Castes, 15 per cent belongs to Upper Hindu Castes and number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes is nil.

Gross annual income status of these families is given below :

Table 2.12
Broad Groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	X	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	...	37
1,001.00 to 5,000.00	...	82
5,001.00 to 10,000.00	...	25

Table 2.12.1
Sub-groups

Gross Annual Income (in Rs.)	X	No. of Families
Below 1,000.00	...	37
1,001.00 to 2,000.00	...	26
2,001.00 to 3,000.00	...	22
3,001.00 to 4,000.00	...	13
4,001.00 to 5,000.00	...	16
5,001.00 to 6,000.00	...	13
6,001.00 to 7,000.00	...	9
7,001.00 to 8,000.00	...	3
8,001.00 to 9,000.00	...	Nil
9,001.00 to 10,000.00	...	Nil
10,001.00 and above	...	Nil

Number of families belonging to different landholding groups is given below :

Table 2.13

Landholding groups (in acre)	X	No. of Families
Below 1 acre	...	43
1 acre	...	23
1.01 acre to 3 acre	...	20
3.01 acre to 5 acre	...	13
5.01 acre to 7 acre	...	15
7.01 acre to 9 acre	...	10
9.01 acre to 10 acre	...	5
10.01 acre and above	...	Nil

In this village 65 percent people are agriculturists and the rest 35 percent people are engaged in business, viz. owners of morning stalls in hat, milk sellers and owners of grocers' shops etc.