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Over last few decades, there has been tremendous growth in the number of female employed in India with majority of them being associated with the informal sector of the economy. Since the number of female workers in the informal sector in India has gone up considerably it implies that employment opportunity for them in the formal sector have become restricted. On account of easy availability of low paid labour in the informal sector, there is every possibility of more and more economic activity in the sector.

The study purports to disclose the level of women labour participation in domestic work and bidi rolling. An effort has been undertaken to evaluate the socio-economic status of female paid domestic help and bidi workers. Moreover, a comparative analysis of these two types of workers has been attempted for decision-making and policy formulation purpose. An economic model has been built up for valuation of human capital in the informal sector taking into account of present value of future earnings of the female workers.

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