A STUDY ON SOCIO AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF RUBBER TAPPING EMPLOYEES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PALAKKAD DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

The Rubber industry is one of the most labour incentive industries. It is a major concern as the closure of the factory affects the economy of the society and the people as they lose their job. The living condition in the rubber plantation is entirely different from olden days. The plantations are always labour intensive contributing to not less than 65% of the total cost. Important objectives of the study, 1. To find out the socio-economic status of the respondents. 2. To ascertain the respondents opinion towards the working environment. 3. To identify the standard of living of the workers. 4. To find out the workers satisfaction with their wages, welfare activities and supervisor’s behaviour. Methodology of the study, the samples were selected from various Rubber Tapping field in Palakkad district. For the purpose of selecting the sample for the study simple random sampling used. A sample size of 100 labours was selected with the help of simple random sampling technique. The researcher selected interview as the method of data collection, considering the possibility of illiterate respondents and also considering the necessity of getting detailed reliable information. The researcher selected interview schedule as the tool for data collection. The data were collected through interview schedule exclusively constructed for the purpose of the study. Area for data collection was Palakkad district. It is found that, majority of the respondents (42%) are in the age group of 36 – 50. It is clear that, 88% of respondents are male workers and 12% of respondents are female workers. Majority of the respondents are Income category between Rs. 5001 – 10000. Majority of the respondents are involved alone Tapping. Concluded this study the social and economic developments in the village level are mainly due to the Rubber tapping which provide job opportunities to the poor people in the village to a greater extent. The standard of life is different in a plantation when compared to other jobs.