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As a part of my study for the degree of M.Phil , I thought of making myself aware of the social situation of the slums in general and the three slums in particular, namely, (i) Konapure Chwal, (ii) Modi Jagajivanram Zopadpatti, (iii) Maddi Wasti, in Solapur City. These three slums are situated in three different parts of the city. A detailed survey along with personal interviews of the slum-dwellers was conducted. The thesis is an outcome of this study. It is divided in six Chapters. The first Chapter is an introductory one dealing with some of the theoretical aspects of the 'slum' phenomenon. Chapter II gives a brief profile of the Solapur city. It is based mostly on the available information in the Gazetteer of the Maharashtra Government. Chapter III briefly summarises the nature of the study and presents the methodology used in the research work. An attempt to present a broad but inclusive picture of the various aspects of economic and social life of slum-dwellers is made in Chapter IV. Chapter V deals with the general social problem of the 'slum' as well as the various small and big problems faced by the slum-dwellers. The last Chapter (VI) is more or less a summary of the study

carried out . Certain suggestions have also been made in the direction of solving the problems. While writing the text, first a general view is presented followed by particulars regarding the three slums. Wherever necessary the information is given in tabular forms. At the end in appendices (1) Interview Schedule (2) A map of Solapur City showing the places of the three slums selected for the study, (3) A list of the 119 slums in Solapur city and (4) A list of the slums selected under improvement schemes by the Municipal Corporation, are enclosed. Lastly the reference books and journals used for the study are enlisted in Bibliography.

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