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3.1 Introduction :-

In this chapter various aspects of methodological procedure have been elaborated. To be precise this chapter deals with methodological aspects of this study such as selection of research topic statement of the problem, objectives of the study, area of study, selection of sample respondents data collection, analysis and presentation of data.

3.2 Selection of Research Topic :-

"A study of female workers in leather household Industry in Athani Town "

- I) The Researcher has selected women and society as an optional paper while her post graduation in sociology. By studying this subject the researcher realised that what is the role of women in today's world / whether in various sector. Women participation is increasing / what has to be done to improve their social economic life.
- II) Athanis PCCFC & KVIC & LIDKAR centres are the main and only centre in Belgaum district. Due to participation of these centres women are able to improve their socio-economic life. The researcher has realised that their standard of living & life style is changing.
- III) The researcher is from Kagwad and in this area leather industry of Athani is famous where many women are working so the researcher selected the topic for study.

3.3 Statement of problem :-

To study the female workers in leather household Industry in Athani Town.

The Researcher has selected this topic to study social-economic problems, background and changes in familial and socio-economic status of

female workers due to participation in this enterprises.

3.4 Objectives of the study :-

The general objectives of the present research work is to study the female workers in leather household Industry in PCCFC and LIDKAR at Athani.

The specific objectives of present study are as follows :

- 1) To study functioning of (PCCFC & KVIC and LIDKAR) to provide employment of female workers.
- 2) To study the socio-economic background and changes in female workers engaged in leather household Industry in Athani Town.
- 3) To study socio-economic problems of female workers in leather household Industry in Athani.
- 4) To study the impact of works on the health of female workers in leather household Industry.
- 5) To study the status of female workers in family and society.

3.5 Area of Study :-

For this subject the researcher has selected PCCFC & KVIC and LIDKAR in Athani in Belgaum district.

The researcher has selected this area for the following reasons

- 1) Athani PCCFC & KVIC and LIDKAR centre is one of the famous centres in Belgaum District.
- 2) The Researcher's native place is Athani so researcher knows the persons in the centre and all of the area very well.

3.6 Selection of Respondents :-

The list of female workers obtained from the office of PCCFC & KVIC and LIDKAR Athani. The PCCFC & KVIC list was having 55 workers and LIDKAR list was having 55 workers among total of 110 out of these 50

percent of sample was selected for the study.

Probability sampling technique was used for selection of respondents, even number of workers was selected for the study.

3.7 Data Collection through Interview Schedule :-

The Interview schedule was designed on the basis of the objectives of the study outlined earlier and was applied on few respondents to find out whether the words used in the schedules are appropriate and clear to the respondents. The selected female workers under study were personally interviewed in their own houses.

The Interview schedule was prepared taking into consideration its advantages to observe the environment, to check the answers of respondents.

Since all the respondents under study were knowing Marathi and Kannada the interview schedule was prepared in Marathi and in English version of the same has been given in Appendix.

3.8 The Data Collection :-

The data collection work was started on 25th April 2005 and it was completed on 25th May 2005.

The nature, importance and purpose of the research work was clarified to incharge and necessary permission was obtained to conduct the interview with female workers.

All interview with female workers in leather household Industry were conducted in their houses.

3.9 Analysis and Presentation of Data :-

After the collection of data was over the interview schedule were serially arranged. Then the data were manually processed, decoded, and tables were prepared.

3.10 The Data were presented in following chapters :-

- 1) Socio-economic background of female workers.

- 2) Socio-economic condition and health problems of female workers.
- 3) The status of female workers in family and society.
- 4) Conclusion and Suggestions.
