

PREFACE

With proper pride and humility, it gives me great pleasure to record that I belong to a rural agriculturist family, mainly of sugarcane growers of Manjari Village, about 20 kms distance from Chikodi, the taluka place.

My relationships with some of my friends, who are working as seasonal workers for a number of years has made me quite aware regarding the hapless and helpless working class involved in sugar industry. This very reason impelled me to choose the subject to enlighten the socio-economic conditions of seasonal workers of sugar industry.

Secondly, the selectionn of the problem is an outcome of my observations. The seasonal workers in sugar industry have peculiar problems regarding their socio-economic life. Because of seasonal work, the life of seasonal workers has not regulated. They are exploitd by the employers for years together. They are deprived of minimum wages, gratuity, provident fund, life-insurance, paid leaves and holidays and also some of welfare facilities. All these factors that affects the life of seasonal workers. That is how I inclined towards the present study.

I feel that, the present study would certainly help to management of Shri Doodhaganga-Krishna Sahakari Sakkare Karakhane Niyamit, Chikodi, and the trade union of the factory. The findings and conclussions may not be applicable universally to all the seasonal workers in the Indian sugar industries, but these findings and colcussions would help to bring certain necessary changes in the working condition and life-style of seasonal workers in sugar industry at Nanadi factory.