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2.1 BACKGROUND OF BARSII TALUKA :

Among the talukas in Solapur district Barsii taluka is one of them. It is a gate-way of Marathwada region. It has an area of 151,794 hectare. The progress and development of any region depends upon the surrounding atmosphere i.e. climate, rainfall, type of land, literacy ratio, educational facilities, banking, electricity, water-supply, means of transportation, employment opportunities and socio-culture environment. In Solapur district Barsii taluka is well-known as a industrially advanced one. Due to natural calamities and curse, the people in this taluka turned from agriculture sector to industrial sector.

CLIMATE :

The climate of Barsii taluka is generally hot and dry. In summer season, the maximum temperature goes upto 40° C. to 43.5° C., while in winter season, the minimum temperature goes down upto 7° C. to 10° C.

RAINFALL :

Being a drought prone area, rainfall in Barsii taluka is very little. Which come to know with following table.

Table No. 2.1

RAINFALL IN BARSII AREA - 1993

Sr.No.	Month	No. of rainy days	Rainfall (MMS)
1.	January	0.00	0.00
2.	February	0.00	0.00
3.	March	1.00	4.02
4.	April	2.00	4.00
5.	May	4.00	39.02
6.	June	3.00	31.05
7.	July	12.00	222.09
8.	August	13.00	173.00
9.	September	6.00	68.08
10.	October	10.00	180.09
11.	November	3.00	4.03
12.	December	2.00	41.00
Total		56.00	769.08

Source - Barsi taluka Tahsil Office, 1993.

The above table shows that in Barsi taluke rainfall is less. So agriculture is not possible. Therefore people turned to industrial sector.

TYPE OF LAND :

In Barsi taluka most of soil is black and fertile. However in some part of the taluka medium and light (Malran) land is found. Due to low rain only jirayat crops are taken i.e. Jawar, Bajara, Cotton, Tur, Groundnut & Mug etc.

Table No. 2.2

POPULATION PATTERN IN BARSII TALUKA (1991 Census)

Sr.No.	Villages/Town	Total population	Males	Females
1.	Villages in Barsii taluka.	2,12,992	1,09,361	1,03,631
2.	Barsii Town	88,774	45,853	42,921
3.	Sub-part of Barsii	3,449	1,830	1,619
Total		3,05,215	1,57,044	1,48,171

Source - Barsii Taluka Tahsil Office record - 1991.

The above table shows the population position in Barsii taluka and in its villages.

Table No. 2.3

LITERACY OF BARSII TALUKA ACCORDING TO 1981 CENSUS

Sr.No.	Villages/Town	Total Population	Literacy		Total	Illiteracy		Total
			Males	Females		Male	Females	
1.	Villages in Barsi Taluka	1,85,296 (71.87)	48,933 (64.37)	23,371 (59.86)	72,304 (62.84)	45,432 (80.49)	67,560 (78.26)	1,12,992 (79.14)
2.	Barsi Town	72,537 (28.13)	27,085 (35.63)	15,671 (40.14)	42,756 (37.16)	11,014 (19.51)	18,767 (21.74)	29,781 (20.86)
Total		2,57,833 (100.00)	76,018 (100.00)	39,042 (100.00)	1,15,060 (100.00)	56,446 (100.00)	86,327 (100.00)	1,42,773 (100.00)

Source - District Census Report, 1981.

Note - Figures in brackets indicates the percentages to total.

The purpose of the above table is to show the ratio of literacy and illiteracy in Barsi taluka. The number of illiteracy in rural area is more than town, both in male and female.

Table No. 2.4

BANKS IN BARSII TALUKA

Sr.No.	Name of bank	Branches in Barsi city	Branches in Rural area	Total
1.	Bank of India	1	4	5
2.	State Bank of India	2	-	2
3.	Bank of Maharashtra	1	3	4
4.	Central Bank of India	1	1	2
5.	Union Bank of India	1	-	1
6.	United Western bank	1	1	2
7.	Solapur Gramin Bank	-	2	2
8.	Solapur District Co- operative Bank Lt.	2	13	15
9.	Pandharpur Urban Co-op. Bank Ltd.	1	1	2
10.	Osmanabad Janata Co-op. bank Ltd.	1	1	2
11.	Solapur Janata Co-op. bank Ltd.	1	-	1
12.	Solapur District Industrial Co-op.Bank Ltd.	1	-	1
13.	Solapur Urban Ind.Co-op. bank Ltd.	1	-	1
14.	Sangli Urban Co-op. bank Ltd.	1	-	1
15.	Maharashtra Agri. & Rural Development Co-op. bank.	1	-	1
Total		16	26	32

Source - Bank of India - Branch Barsi taluka.
The above table shows the information of banking institutions functioning in proper Barsi and its rural area.

Table No. 2.5

EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN BARSII TALUKA

Sr.No.	Type	Numbers
1.	Primary Schools	164
2.	High Schools	43
3.	Junior Colleges	09
4.	Senior Colleges	04
5.	I.T.I.	02
6.	B.Ed.	01
7	B.P.Ed.	02
8.	D.Ed.	03
9.	Medical & Engineering	00

Source : The above table shows the educational infrastructure in
Barsi taluka.

Barsi taluka is having a number of educational institutions.

Table No. 2.6

REGISERED EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED POSITION IN BARSII TALUKA

Sr.No.	Year	No. of Educated unemployed
1.	1989-90	966
2.	1990-91	1430
3.	1991-92	1494
4.	1992-93	1275
5.	1993-94	1038
Total		6203

Source : Employment Exchange, Solapur - 1994.

The above table indicates the information of educated unemployed in Barsi taluka during the last 5 years period.

For a long time Barsi was known as a famous trading centre in Maharashtra. This longrun large trading turnover helped much more to start industrial process and progress in Barsi taluka. At the beginning time due to large supply of cotton, the factories of ginning and pressing started. There were 12 ginning and pressing factories in the Barsi. But afterwards these factories closed. In 1911, the first textile mill with the name of Shri Bhagwant Mill (At present - Rajan Mill) started. While in 1923 Jayashankar and Lokmanya Mills started. From 1974 Jayshankar Mill, named as Barsi Textile Mill and is working under the National Textile Corporation of India. For the last six years Rajan Mill and Lokmanya Mill are closed. But recently present Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Sharad Pawar announced to start these two mills under the Govt. supervision.

After the nationalization in 1974, Barsi Textile Mill have achieved great success in production of cotton-thread. Before nationalization its product had only demand from Solapur market, but now it is supplied to other cities in Maharashtra i.e. Bhiwandi, Malegaon, Echalkaranji. Now-a-days it also goes to some other states such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Orisa, Bihar, Bengal, Aassam etc. Not only that it also goes to Nepal and Bangala Desh. Now this mills is thining to export it's product to American & European market. This mills is awarded with Silver-disk due to best performance and occupied third place in all

nationalized mills in India. There are 25,000 spindles on which 500 workers are working. The total turnover of 1993-94 of this mill is Rs. 7.30 crores.

Barsi taluka is also popular for Dal mills, Oil mills, Vidi industry, Brick industry, Kadaba Kutti industry (Cattle food).

The first dal mill in Barsi taluka was started by late Shri Dhondiram Nandram Khatod. At present there are 25 Dal mills in Barsi taluka. Nearabout 600 people have got directly employment due to dal mills in Barsi taluka. The annual turnover of these mills is Rs.30 to 35 crores. Trimurti & Haran trade mark dal are famous all over the India. This dal supplies to South India, Gujarath, Bengal, Konkan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka etc. So this dal industry has occupied first rank in industrial sector of Barsi taluka.

The second leading industry in Barsi taluka is Oil mill. The first Oil mill in Barsi taluka was started at Kasabe-Tadawale with the name - Maharashtra Oil Mill. But due to scarcity of raw material, it transferred to Barsi town. After 1937 most of the oil mills in Barsi taluka are concentrated at Barsi town due to large availability of oil-seeds in Barsi market. There are 30 oil mills in Barsi taluka which provides employment to 250 to 300 people.

Vidi industry in Barsi taluka is also big one. The first Vidi binding business was started by Shrimati Kondanbubu. Afterwards other trader started this business. This Vidi industry provides employment to 2500 to 3000 people in the Barsi taluka.

Now-a-days brick industry in Barsi taluka is a leading

business in Solapur district. There are 250 brick industries in Barsi taluka, which are mostly at Barsi town, Vairag, Jangaon etc. This industry provides employment directly and indirectly to 1000 people. The total annual turnover of this industry is near about Rs. 10 to 15 crores. Bricks from Barsi taluka supplies to Osmanabad, Sangli and remaining part of Solapur District.

In the Barsi market everyday 150-200 bullock carts of Kadaba come. In the season period (March to June) this number goes upto 450 to 500. So in the result of it, the industry of Kadaba-Kutti (Cattel food) developed. At present there are 13 Kadaba-Kutties in Barsi taluka. The total annual turnover of this Kadaba-Kutties is near about Rs.1 to 1.5 crores. There are 6 stone crushing machine in Barsi Taluka. 5 at Barsi town and 1 at Vairag.

There is one Sugar factory named Bhogawati Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana at Tulsidasnagar-Vairag. The registration of this sugar factory was done on 20-12-1975, but actual production of this factory started from 1980-81. The total turnover of this factory in 1992-93 was Rs. 33.25 crores. It provides employment to 2000 to 2500 people. The following table shows the last 6 years crushing of sugarcane and production of sugar.

Table No. 2.7

CRUSHING AND PRODUCTION OF BHOGAWATI CO-OP. SUGAR FACTORY

Sr.No.	Year	Crushing (Metric tonne)	Production (Quintal)
1.	1988-89	1,18,480.898	1,22,499
2.	1989-90	2,78,128.966	2,80,131
3.	1990-91	2,99,024.215	3,01,535
4.	1991-92	2,33,102.650	2,43,830
5.	1992-93	65,788.318	68,380
6.	1993-94	Factory closed due to lack of sugarcane.	

Source - Office of Bhogawati Sugar Factory.

Besides it there are two paper mills in Barsi taluka.

2.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES IN BARSII TALUKA :

There are 4 industrial estates in Barsi taluka. 3 at Barsi town and 1 at Vairag. When Mr. Premchand Madhekar, Advocate Shri Annasaheb Hingmire and Late Shri Shivaji Aarya came to know that without the progress of small scale industries in Barsi taluka, the real industrial development is not possible, they all came together and established, "Barsi Taluka Udyog Vikas Sahakari Sanstha". The actual working of this institution started from 22nd May, 1961.

The first industrial estate started on 17 acre land. However the progress was not so good. But after the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Bandewar and Vice-Chairman Subhash Thokade, the progress of this estate started fastly. The industries of engineering, fabrication, oil mills, dal mills, chinchoka process, chemicals, kadaba-kutti, spices unit, cement pipes and tiles, stone polishing, plastic pipes etc. started to develop. There are 27 units in the industrial estate No. 1.

In 1982-83, the industrial estate No. 2 started in 21 acre land. During the Chairmanship period of Shri Parasmalji Kankaria a lot of new units started in Barsi town. There are 70 units in the industrial estate No. 2. The industrial estate No. 3 was sanctioned in 1988 during the Chairmanship of Shri Dilipraoji Sopal (Present MLA of Barsi taluka). For this 32 hectore land is acquired. The industrial estate No. 4 is established at Vairag

with acquiring 7 hectore land. There are 240 plots in this industrial estate. Mostly the production of Sugar, edible oil, cutting stone and bricks is done at Vairag.

There are some agro-based industries in rural area of Barsi taluka i.e. Kis-mis industries at Khamgaon and Kari-Nari, brick industries at Jamgaon. Besides above, in Barsi taluka there are industries of aluminium and brass utensils, wire and tack, chincoka powder, cold-storage, Note-book binding, soap, tyre remoulding, fibre body building of jeep, accessories of scooter and motor cycle, leather bags and chappal etc. Following industries in Barsi taluka have got awards from DIC, Solapur.

Table No. 2.8

DISTRICT AWARDS FROM DIC, SOLAPUR

Sr.No.	Year	First Prize	Second Prize
1.	1986	M/s. Gandhi Aluminium Industrial Estate No. 2. Prod. Alumnimum utensils.	--
2.	1987	--	M/s. Vyankatesh Tiles, Indus. Estate No. 2. Prod. Mozaic tiles
3.	1988	--	M/s. Jalaram Plastic, Indus. Estate No. 2 Prod. Plastic pipes.
4.	1989	--	M/s. Vikitasha Enterprieses Indus. Estate No. 2 Bio-gas stove.
5.	1990	M/s. Sagar Enterprieses Indus. Estate Prod. Chinchoka Powder.	M/s. Advance Engineering Indus. Estate No. 2

Source : DIC Office, Solapur.

In addition to it Latur-Miraj light-railway and 20 goods transports in Barsi taluka are helping and providing transportation facilities to entrepreneurs in Barsi taluka. Due to sufficient transport facilities Barsi taluka is linked with whole Maharashtra and other states of India.

Table No. 2.9 :

MAIN INDUSTRIES IN BARS TALUKA

Sr.No.	Name of Industry	No. of Industries	Employment
1.	Textile Mills	3 (2 closed)	500
2.	Oil Mills	30	300
3.	Dal Mills	25	600
4.	Saw Mills	14	150
5.	Brick Industry	250	2200
6.	Kadaba Kutties	13	130
7.	Stone-cutting Industry	06	75
8.	P.V.C. Pipe Industry	05	60
9.	Vidi Industry	02	2500
10.	Paper Industry	02	40
11.	Sugar Factory	01	2500
Total		351	9055

The above table indicates the employment position in main industries in Barsi taluka. Out of 9055 workers, 7200 (79.51%) workers have got employment opportunities in brick industry, vidi industry and sugar factory only.