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C H A P T E R III

: SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF WORKERS :

INTRODUCTION:

This chapter deals with the personal background of the workers. The workers apart from being employees in Dudhaganga Vedganga Sakhari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Bidri, were members of different social group in the outside world. Therefore, the social characteristics of workers specifically relating to items like age, education, caste, experience, nature of job and residence, are dealt with in detail in this chapter.

3.1 AGE:

The age of an employee has got an important bearing on his attitude towards employment. The sample consisted of the workers in age range of 18 to 41 above years. The workers were distributed over four age groups as shown in the table No.3.1.

TABLE No.3.1

Distribution of Workers according to their age-group

Sr.No.	Age Group	No.of Workers	Total
1.	18-25	3 (6.00)	3
2.	26-30	2 (4.00)	2
3.	31-40	29 (58.00)	29
4.	41- above	16 (32.00)	16
		50 (100.00)	50

From this table it is clear that in general the proportion of younger 31-40 years was more (58 %) compared to the age group above and below. In the remaining workers the proportion of workers having age group of 41 + above was more (32 %) when compared to other groups.

3.2 EDUCATION:

As the rate of illiterate in the India is quite high. Knowledge is very essential and necessary in the life of man. Knowledge is the third eye of the man.

" The education of worker is something programetic. It has to meet the needs, it must not only help him, as an individual but also help him to increase his efficiency to participate in union affairs as well as Management affairs. Thus the workers needs not mere information but training to think and arrive at his conclusion on the problem facing him the industry and society"¹.

Taking into consideration of this importance of education of the workers, the education levels were analyzed.

The level of education were ranged from illiterate to above S.S.C. The levels of education were categorized

into four broad grouping like (1) illiterate (2) Primary (3) S.S.C. (4) Diploma. The table showing the classification between the age and education of respondent.

TABLE No.3.2

Distribution of Workers according to Age and Education

Sr.No.	Age	Illiterate	Primary	S.S.C.	Diploma	Total
1)	18-25	-	-	2(4.00)	1(2.00)	3
2)	26-30	-	1(2.00)	-	1(2.00)	2
3)	31-40	3(6.00)	16(32.00)	5(10.00)	5(10.00)	29
4)	41-above	2(4.00)	11(22.00)	1(2.00)	2(4.00)	16
		5(10)	28(56)	8(16)	9(18)	50(100)

In the sugar factory the proportion of illiterate workers were 10 % . The propotion of primery level educated 56 %, and it was more as compair to other education level. 16 % of the workers were S.S.C. and 18 % of the workers were Diploma holder.

3.3 CASTE:

Caste & Religion:

Different types of caste and religions people are living together. The following table provides the picture of different caste workers working in factory.

TABLE No.3.3Distribution of Workers according to Caste and Religion

Sr.No.	Caste/Religion	No.of Workers	Total
1)	Maratha	.. 40 (80 %)	40
2)	Mahar	.. 4 (8 %)	4
3)	Parit	.. 2 (4 %)	2
4)	Shimpi	.. 1 (1 %)	1
5)	Mulsim religion.	.. 2 (4 %)	2
6)	Gurav	.. 1 (2 %)	1
		50 (100 %)	50

The data shows that the majority of the workers (80 %) are from Maratha caste. The remaining castes such as Gurav, Mahar, and Parit, Simpi, and Muslim has morer less similar proportion.

3.4 EXPERIENCE:

Experience is important factor in worker's life. In practical working condition, they could get knowledge about their job. Table is presented about job experience. The following table showing the job experience of workers.

TABLE No.3.4

Distribution of Workers according to their
Experience

Sr.No.	Experience in Years	No.of Respondent	Total
1)	1 - 5	3 (6 %)	3
2)	6 - 10	4 (8 %)	4
3)	11 - 15	19 (38 %)	19
4)	16 - 20	24 (48 %)	24
5)			
		50 (100 %)	50

From this table it is clear that nearly half (48 %) of the workers were having 16-20 years experience and majority (38 %) of the workers having 11-15 year's experience, and most (8 %) of the workers having (6-10) year's experience and remaining 6 % of the workers having 1-5 year's experience .

3.5 NATURE OF JOB:

There are two categories of workers i.e. permanent and temporary. These categories were taken for interview. These are analyzed as in the table No.3.6.

TABLE No.3.5

Distribution of workers according to Nature of
Job.

Sr.No.	Nature of Job	No.of Respondent	Total
1)	Permanent workers.	25 (50 %)	25
2)	Seasonal workers.	25 (50 %)	25
		50 (100 %)	50

From the above table it is evident that the nearly 500 workers were serving in sugar factory. Out of 500 workers, 50 workers were taken for sampling and out of 50, 25 workers were permanent and 25 workers were on seasonal basis.

3.6 MONTHLY PAYMENT:

The monthly payment includeing basic wage plus D.A. The monthly payment is presented in the following table.

TABLE No.3.6

Distribution of Workers according to their
Payment

<u>Sr.No.</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>No.of Respondent</u>	<u>Total</u>
1)	300 - 400	1 (2 %)	1
2)	500 - 700	34 (68 %)	34
3)	800 - 1000	13 (26 %)	13
4)	1000 - above	2 (4 %)	2
		50 (100 %)	50

It is obvious from the above table that the 2 % of the workers were earning upto 300-400, Majority (68 %) of the workers were earning 500-700, 26 % of the workers were earning upto (800-1000) 4 % of the workers were earning upto 1200 above. (These workers were Engine Driver).

3.7 NATIVE PLACE:

The workers were asked information regarding their native place. The data is being analyzed to see how Dudhaganga Vedganga Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Bidri, has drawn workers from the neighbouring villages and also from distant place. The native places of workers

were classified into (1) Karveer taluka (2) Budhargad taluka (3) Kagal taluka (4) Radhanagiri taluka and (5) Kolhapur district.

TABLE No.3.7

Distribution of Workers according to Native

Place

<u>Sr.No.</u>	<u>Native Place</u>	<u>No.of Respondent</u>	<u>Total</u>
1)	Karveer Taluka	5 (10 %)	5
2)	Budargad taluka	6 (12 %)	6
3)	Kagal taluka.	22 (44 %)	22
4)	Radhanagari	17 (34 %)	17
		50 (100 %)	50

The data shows that it was Kagal taluka from which nearly half of the workers (i.e. 44 %) had been drawn by the factory, which is situated in this taluka. The workers from Kagal taluka, were particularly from Biravade, Bidri, Yamage, Murgud, Bardole and whole villages. When the comparision was made between remaining talukas, it was found that the proportion workers having native places in Radhanagiri,taluka (particularly- Nartavade,

Palkarvadi, Sarvade, Titave, Kapleshwar, Turmbe,
Shelekwadi, Birvade villages) was more when compared
to Karveer (particularly Palsi, Madilge, Nadvade,
Masve and Budhargad taluka.

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