

Recent Trend of Participation and Condition of Rural Women in Construction Industry: A Study in Goalpara District, Assam

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Abstract—Assam as an important state of North-East India is blessed with beautiful natural scenery, tea plantations, strong history, diverse culture and rich literature. However, the position of women in the whole region is also comparatively better than rest of India, though it has diverse cultural, religious and ethnic groups. But when it comes to the status of women labourers in construction industry which is a recent trend of increasing participation, the living and working condition is always unsatisfactory and backward despite of their enormous contributions in developmental activities.

Therefore, the present is an attempt to examine the recent trend of participation and condition of rural women labourers in construction works including their socio-economic and working condition with special reference to Goalpara district of Assam. The present study will be done in Goalpara district by taking the district as representative because the condition of women, particularly unorganized labourers are more or less same in Assam. Another reason for choosing the district as a field of present study is that the women labourers are not much aware of their rights and existing provisions for securing labour rights as they basically come from rural areas of the district to work in construction sides. Thus, the present study will try to reveal the increasing participation of rural women in construction industries by exploring their condition of works and often unrecognized contribution.

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