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CHAPTER SOCIO-ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES IN **RESPECT OF SUSTAINABLE** DEVELOPMENT OF SOME SELECTED **BRICKFIELDS OF NORTH 24 PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL**



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Abstract

Sustainable development is a major issue today. North 24 Parganas is a district in Southern West Bengal of eastern India. This district is West Bengal's most populous district and in this district, there are near about 400 brickfields on the sides of the rivers like Ichchamati, Ray mongol, Vidyadhori etc. This paper emphasizes on the environmental factors as well as socio-economic factors related with these brickfields. These brickfields serve as a source of livelihood for thousands of unskilled laborers from different parts of the state and country and many of the laborers are landless farmers. So, very poor people come to these brickfields for their livelihood with their families, that means, the children also come with their parents and many times they are forced to work in the field and most of the times, the children get no primary education also. Many times, the labor law is not followed by the owners of these brickfields. The work in the brickfield is not available to the labors for the whole year because of the rainy season. Convenience sampling procedure has been taken for the study, questionnaire and interview method have been taken for data collection and I have followed the descriptive methodology to interpret how these brickfields affect the environment & socio-economic systems and lastly a conclusion is given.

Key words - sustainable development, brickfields, livelihood, labor law, questionnaire and interview method, environment.





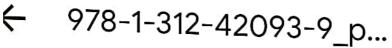






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