AGRICULTURAL LABOUR IN KARNATAKA  
- A CASE STUDY OF HAVERI DISTRICT

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON AGRICULTURAL LABOURER

1. Name of the Respondent : ________________________
   Village / Tehsil : __________________________
   Taluka : __________________________
   District : __________________________

2. Age : ........... Years

3. Sex : Male/Female

4. Caste / Religion :

5. Composition of Family members :
   1. Male Adult members ........................................
   2. Female Adult members ....................................
   3. Children ....................................................
   4. Total ........................................................

6. Level of Education

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6. Are there any illiterates in the home. Name any :
   3 important reasons (Rank wise)
   1. Lack of money : ........................................
   2. Increases family expenditure : ........................
   3. Large size of the family : ............................
   5. Lack of interest among the children/parents : .......
   6. Lack of Education facilities in the villages : ......
   7. Others : .............................................
8. **Family Occupation**
   1. Agriculture
   2. Agricultural Labour
   3. Agriculture and agri – Labour
   4. Village Crafts
   5. Subsidiary activities of agriculture
   6. Agriculture labour and MGNREGA labour
   7. Other (Specify)

9. **Nature of work participation of family members**
   i. **Male Members Numbers**
      1. Agriculture and Agri. labour
      2. Agricultural Labour
      3. Agri. Labour and other work
      4. Total
   ii. **Female Members**
      1. Domestic work
      2. Agriculture and domestic work
      3. Agricultural labour and domestic work
      4. Agri labour and other work
      5. Total
   iii. **Children**
      1. Schooling
      2. Child labour (Agri)
      3. Child labour (Non Agri)
      4. Schooling and agri. work
      5. Total

10. **Type of the respondent**
    i. landless labour
    ii. fully attached labour
    iii. casual labour
    iv. Labour with some land

11. If he was a tenant, was he evicted by the landlord? : Yes/No

12. **In case of farm servants/semi-attached Labour**
    a) For what period is the respondent farm servant’s labour contract with the employer?
    b) For how long has he been working for the same employer
    c) If it is more than 5 years, is there any special reason for this long association?
       i) An ancient hereditary debt. : Yes/No
       ii) Loan taken some years back : Yes/No
       iii) Without any outstanding debt & some other reason such as outstanding family relation. : Yes/No
d) Does the respondent need regular consumption loan from the employer (i.e. is he a chronic deficit case)?

e) The labourer has received some plot of land on allotment basis from the landlord:
   i) What part of the produce of the allotment land has to be paid to the employer?
   ii) Whether the labourer cultivates the land with the owner's bullock and plough?
   iii) Whether the owner shares any items of costs like seed, fertilizers, water etc.

f) Any outstanding debt,

g) What are the obligations of the labourer towards the employer?
   i) To work full time for the employer on all farm Labour and non farm work without the freedom to work for any other employer at any time.
   ii) To be available to the employer for any kind of work whenever required by the employer.
   iii) To work on the land of the owner with the latter's bullock and plough.
   iv) Any other obligations (specify)

13. WAGES
   i) As a casual labourer, how much does the respondent and his family members get currently?

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ii) Wages for long duration contracts
(for attached/semi attached labourers)
1. Cash (Rs.):
2. Paddy/Wheat (Kg.) [other kinds]:
3. Meals & others (Nos.):
4. Clothes:

i) If, apart from the respondent, any one in the family works as an attached/semi-attached labourer, record the wage-schedule as above.

ii) If any other of the family works outside the agriculture sector within the Village, record the total earnings.

iii) If any member of the household works outside the village record the details of the employment and total earnings.

iv) Current total earnings of the household by selling labour:

v) According to the respondent, are wage-rates other than he/she or his/her family members get prevalent in the village? If yes, why (details):

vi) Whatever be the status of the respondent (e.g. casual labourer / attached / semi-attached labourer), does he/she prefer it to the other options?

vii) As a casual labour, did the respondent ever have to work for lower than the ruling wage rate to get work?

viii) Has there been any occasion when for the same operation, different employers offered different wage rates? Give details:

14. Are the wages received by the respondent or his family members this year the same as those received by him last year? If no, how has the change come about?
   a) Employer himself has changed the wages:
   b) Any other way (Details):

15. Record the changed wage-schedule for the respondent labourer and his/her family members:

16. Does the respondent know about the minimum wage rate declared by the Government?

17. Has the respondent taken any loan against labour? If yes, give particulars:
   a) Did he give any mortgages? If so, particulars:
   b) Does he have to pay any interest:
   c) Would his daily wage-rate be lower than what he would have got otherwise:

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18. Has he taken any loan this year, not in terms of labour?  
   a) How much  
   b) Did he give any mortgages? If so, give particulars  
   c) Does he have to pay any interest  
19. Did the respondent seek any loan last year? Give particulars.  
20. Would the respondent find it easier to get consumption credit if he were a fully attached or semi-attached labourer than if he were a totally unattached labourer?  
21. If the labourer possesses any land, where does he get loan from?  

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22. If the labourer possesses no land, where does he get loan from?  

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23. Amount of land possessed by the respondent  
   i) Part owned  
   ii) Part leased in  
24. If land is mostly leased in.  
   i) Does respondent (or any other member of his family) work as a casual labourer mainly for the landlord?  
   ii) If yes, does the landlord pay him the current daily wage rate?  
   iii) Does he have any other obligation to the landlord?  
   iv) Does he have the freedom to work for employers other than the landlord without fear of loosing the land?  
25. Does he have his own bullock & plough? (If yes, does he ever hire out his bullock & plough)?  

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26. Does the landlord share in his costs of seed, fertilizers, etc.? : Yes/No
27. Does he at any time find it necessary to hire labour on his own farm? Does he pay hired labourers at the ruling wage rate? If not, why not? : Yes/No
28. Sources of the family income:
   i. from wages of agriculture : 
   ii. from the own land : 
   iii. from the leased land : 
   iv. from subsidiary activities : 
   v. from others [specify] : 
29. Approximate earnings (annual) of members of the family by selling labour: Rs. 
30. Approximate earning of the family from own land : Rs. 
31. Approximate earning of the family other than agricultural labourer : Rs. 
32. Remittances (if any) : 
33. What is the situation of employment in agriculture?
   1. Sufficient Employment : Yes/No
   2. Surplus Employment : Yes/No
   3. Lack of Employment : Yes/No
34. Is, total income from all sources is sufficient to provide all needs of the family : Yes/No
35. Has there been any change in the employment pattern of the family? If yes give details : 
36. Consumption pattern in a typical week :

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37. Other running expenses (per week/month)

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38. Domestic Possessions

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39. Name the important Unproductive expenditure of the family:
1. Alcoholic habits
2. Gambling
3. Consuming Cigarettes, Gutkha, Tobacco

40. Name the important Social expenditure of the family:
   i. Fairs
   ii. Festivals
   iii. Marriages
   iv. Others [specify]

41. Is there any member with ill-health in the family in the year: Yes/No

42. If there, What is the reason for the ill-health:
1. Polluted water
2. Unhygienic food
3. Nutrition less food
4. Slums

43. Name any three important expenditure items of the family
   1. Hospital
   2. Food
   3. Education
   4. Social function
   5. Habits
   6. Others [specify]

44. Wages paid to workers in terms of
   1. Money
   2. Services
   3. Kinds
   4. Others [specify]

45. Have you availed of employment under MGNREGA Scheme
   Yes/No

46. If yes, have you reduced your work as agricultural labourer?
   Yes/No

47. If Yes, what is the extent of reduction of work as agricultural labourers?

48. Under MGNREGA what is the wage rate per day
   Yes/No

49. Are you satisfied about MGNREGA wage rate?
   Yes/No

50. Is there any corruption under MGNREGA Scheme?
    Yes/No

51. Are you satisfied about work undertaken under MGNREGA SCHEME?
    Yes/No

52. Are you satisfied about limitation of only 100 days employment guarantee in a year and employment to only one family member?
    Yes/No

53. Have you got job card of MGNREGA Scheme?
    Yes/No

54. Are you completed 100 days of employment in a year?
    Yes/No

55. After MGNREGA Scheme, is there any improvement of economic condition of your family
    Yes/No

56. Are you get any finance facilities from the other government scheme?
    Yes/No

57. Is there any type of help from the rich farmer?
    Yes/No
If yes, specify,

58. What type of ration card you have?
   1. Antyodaya
   2. BPL
   3. APL
59. Are you gets any other benefits from the government?
   1. Bhagya Laxmi Bond
   2. Old age pension
   3. Widow pension
   4. Physically Handicapped Pension
   5. Vajapai Aarogya Benefits
   6. Yashashwini benefits

60. Nature of House you have
   1. Hut
   2. Semi pucca
   3. Tiled house
   4. Mud houses
   5. RCC
   6. Janata (government) house
   7. Rent house

61. Does the respondent's house have electricity?: Yes/No

62. If no, what is the other source of light?
   1. Edible oil
   2. Kerosene lamp
   3. Solar

63. What type of cooking fuel do you use for cooking purpose:
   1. Gas/LPG
   2. Fire Wood
   3. Agricultural waste
   4. Dung cake
   5. Biogas
   6. Kerosene
   7. Others [specify]

64. Do you have communication & entertainment facility:
   1. News Paper
   2. Radio
   3. Tape Recorder
   4. Television
   5. Mobile
   6. CD Player

65. The details of domestic animals:
   1. Bullocks
   2. Buffaloes
   3. Cows
   4. Goats
   5. Sheeps
   6. Hens
66. Are you the member of self group? : Yes/No
67. Do you have saving habits : Yes/No
68. Where do you get your Drinking water?
   i. Tap in the House :
   ii. Common Tap :
   iii. Hand pump / Bore well :
   iv. Well :
   v. Tank/ Pond :
   vi. Others [specify] :
69. What toilet arrangement do you have?
   i. Private [in the house] :
   ii. Common [shared by others] :
   iii. Open fields :
   iv. Others [specify] :
70. Name five most pressing problem faced by your family

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Signature of Researcher

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