

ABSTRACT

Roadside Dwellers: A Corollary of Urbanization and Globalization

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Abstract: Like any other city dweller in India, the citizens of Agra want to make their city smart with all modern facilities and development. But most of them have not given their attention on the existence of roadside dwellers. When talking about Agra, Taj Mahal flashes immediately in one's mind. Despite many obstacles and hurdles, we call Agra as a developed city as it is visited by many foreign tourists. Has anyone ever thought about the impression which these foreign tourists take in their minds after visiting Taj Mahal? In fact, many people can't even manage their daily bread, basic necessities and a tiny roof over their heads. Roadside dwellers were always in search of some aid provided by some passersby. These roadside dwellers and slum dwellers mostly Adivasis, keep migrating from place to place and from season to seasons. They get uprooted from their native places and temporarily reside

on roadsides without having any identity of their own. The irony is that the workers, who construct buildings, are themselves roofless, homeless. This paper is based on a survey undertaken by the investigator on the roadside dwellers of Khandari, M.G. Road, Agra. Out of the 48 families every alternative family was taken as sample constituting 6 to 7 members in each family. A structured questionnaire containing question on solid demographic characteristics like age, religion, income and occupation etc and questions regarding their future perspectives and survival was designed and tested on roadside dwellers was finalized and interviewed to collect information for the survey.

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