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Role of Rural Industries in Economic Development of East Singhbhum

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Abstract

India is an agricultural and rural based country. Its economy basically depends on rural sources. As far as the economic development of East Singhbhum is concerned, the rural industries have played a pivotal role like agriculture, forest, handloom, etc. These industries are the backbone of rural economy of East Singhbhum.

Recent data have been collected on blocks level to show the level of economic development on block level. Several primary data have also been collected though the study is mainly based on recent secondary data.

At the end I have tried to find out the problem faced by rural industries in the district and presented several solutions.

Introduction

East Singhbhum district has a leading position in respect of mining and other industrial activities. In Jharkhand, Jamshedpur is the leading industrial city of India.

It is one of the 21 districts in Jharkhand currently receiving funds from the Backward Region Grand Fund Programme (BRGF). The total geographical area of the district is 3533 sq. km. which forms about 2.03% of the whole state. About 53% of the total area of the district is covered by residual mountains and hills consisting granite, gneiss, schist. It is a part of Chottanagpur Plateau. The Dalma range extends from west to east covered by dense forest on the northern side. The Swarnrekha River flows from west to south east direction. The district is rich in mineral resources. Longitudinal Extent: $86^{\circ} 04'$ - $86^{\circ} 54'$ Latitudinal Extent: $22^{\circ} 12'$ - $23^{\circ} 01'$

The present study is based on several blocks of East Singhbhum. It is proposed study on economic development of rural areas in which author has tried to interlink rural industries and