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ABSTRACT

Migration is an age-old phenomenon and variety of factors are responsible for the movement of human beings from one place to another. In primitive times, human beings migrated for hunting purposes and in search of agricultural land. With the advent of industrialization and urbanization, the demand for workforce increased in urban and industrial regions which in turn attracted people from different places to work and earn more money as compared to their place of origin. Migration helps people to improve their standard of living, educational scenario, economic conditions and many more related aspects of life. Poverty in East Champaran can be attributed to small size of land holdings, slow pace of industrialization and prevailing unemployment. Poverty scenario worsened by the overburdened infrastructure and poor economic conditions of people. Prevailing unemployment forced people to out migrate to other parts of country. The rural population is mainly dependent on agriculture and allied activities but due to ever increasing population pressure and lack of modern agricultural technology, agriculture production is very low which has led to enormous pressure on land. This is forcing people to move out of East Champaran either to urban areas of Bihar or out of Bihar for the livelihood support and better future, economic growth and stability. In

present research study, an analysis of the outmigration and its impact on local economy of East Champaran was carried out. The present research study is based on both primary and secondary data to analyze the problem of outmigration at the macro level (Inter-State) and the micro-level (Intra-State). The secondary data formed the basis of macro level analysis while primary data have been used to analyze the micro-level issues of outmigration. Outmigration and rural development are inter-linked to each other. The outmigration results in development of rural areas by affecting agriculture, poverty alleviation and inequality, health and education, women empowerment and social remittances.

Key words: Outmigration, rural development, remittances, social remittances and agriculture development.