

ECONOMIC AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF
HARIJANS IN UTTAR PRADESH

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The Directorate of Harijan Welfare, Uttar Pradesh, put towards the end of 1954 a sum of Rs.2,500/- at the disposal of Dr. Radhakamal Mukerjee, Director of the Institute, for an investigation into the living conditions of Harijans in selected areas of the State. The G.O. sanctioning this grant stated, "The sample survey and investigation should be fully representative taking into consideration the conditions obtaining in:-

- (a) different regions,
- (b) different economic groups, and
- (c) urban and rural sectors of the Scheduled Caste population.

Special emphasis will remain on the existing living / conditions and the data collected should be such as may prove useful to the Government in chalking out a programme of social and economic uplift of these classes."

Three contrasted regions were selected for the purpose of this survey based on field investigations that were completed by the end of June, 1955. These were selected with a view to enable a comparative study of the living conditions of Harijans in the rural and urban areas as well as of the western and the central zones of the State.

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