

## **Coronavirus Pandemic and Its Impact on the Indian Informal Sector**

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*Form Wuhan city of China, Coronavirus has reached every corner of the world. India is also struggling to protect its population from it. The Government of India declared nationwide lock down initially for a period of twenty-one days and then it was extended. During the period of lock down all activities like educational, cultural, religious and economical were restricted. Therefore, present paper highlights the various problems informal workers faced during this period. The paper focuses on the informal sector because in India nearly 92 per cent of the workforce works in the informal sector. The data gathered revealed that during the period of lockdown, informal workers faced various problems like lack of support from government in the form of social security, job loss, food scarcity, lack of sanitizers and problem of migration from one place to another. It is suggested that the government should support informal workers in order to compensate the loss caused due to lockdown.*

### **I Introduction**

Because of the episode of Covid-19, its effect can clear out 6.7 per cent of working hours internationally in the second quarter of 2020 that is equal to 195 million regular laborers. In light of the emergency, immense decreases are predicted in the Arab states (8.1 per cent identical to five million everyday specialists), Europe (7.8 per cent or 12 million regular laborers) and Asia and the Pacific (7.2 per cent or 125 million regular laborers) (ILO, 2020). Covid-19 was pronounced a pandemic by the World Health Organization on 11 March 2020. Coronavirus has become a worldwide crisis because of its effect on the whole total populace and economy (WHO, 2020). According to the report of International Monetary Fund, worldwide development could fall by 0.5 per cent

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