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## foreward

The city of Calcutta is planning to celebrate in a grandrise manner the tricentenary of the advant of job Charnok in the year 1690 A.D. However, contrary to the popular, belief, Calcutta or Kalikata, as it was called in those days together, with the adjoining villages of Govindapur and Sutanuti, was a well developed business and trading and an administrative centre of a pargana, under the Sarkar of Saptagram, instead of being forest covered, tigar ridden, docoit infested, tiny hamlets. The then Kalikata was guite developed as a trading centre, at least more than a hundred years before the arrival of Job Charnok and his companions; so much so, that the place, attracted foreign traders like the Armanians who settled in the then Kalikata. The place has found mention as a 'Pargana' or administrative centre in Abul Fazal's "Aini-i-Akbari" completed in 1585 A.D.

With advent of the East India Company and selection of Calcutta as their headquarters, the centre stanted to grow rapidly, first as a trading centre which was considerably facilitated by development of part facilities; and subsequently as on industrial centre after discovery of almost *inexhaustible* stock of coal in the nearby areas of Raniganj, Asansol and Jhuria.

Development of Calcutta, as a metropolitan centre has a checquered history of rise and decline. In the early days of British supremacy in the sub-continent, development of Calcutta was quite fast, what with adequate port facilities which helped development of international trade, easy availability of one of the then principal packaging raw material, that is, jute and abundant supply of coal, the then principal source of energy for development of industries.

With the shifting of the capital to Delhi 1911 on account mainly of political considerations, pace of development was

considerably stalled. With Japanese entry in the World War II, belive set in which was aggravated considerably due to various causes, mostly consequential to political actions taken by the powers that be and aspirants to seat of power.

But the undying spirit of Calcutta lives on and on. It is a city of contrasts. It has earlier been called a "city of palaces; but, side by side, slums have been increasing. It has grown in the past and is still growing, in dimensions, but in an unplanned manner. It is growing with palaces, byres, hovels—poverty and pride, side by side." It has got many problems—solution of which calls for earnest effort by all concerned, government, semi-government, non-government and private agencies. But before such an effort is launched, it requires study in depth in all aspects.

With this end in view, the Network Research Bureau come forward to ascertain and assess the views of a large cross section of people regarding Calcutta as they find the city and as they would like the city to develop.

The Bureau selected their contact points from different sectors of the city which included the Calcutta Book Fair and ascertained their views on the basis of a pre-designed questionnaire. The data so collected have been processed, analysed, interpreted and presented in this pubeication.

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# CALCUTTA-A QUEST FOR

## introduction

Calcutta has been described by various persons in authority at different points of time as a "nightmare city", "a city of processions", "a dying city" and in other derogatory terms. Is it really "a nightmare" city or "a dying city"?

The city, located on the eastern bank of river Hooghly, grew out of the three prosperous and contiguous villages which were known as Govindapur, Kalikata (or Kalighata) and Sutanuti and owes its prominence to the East India Company which established their hegemony, both in the political and the economic fields. It continued to hold its pre-eminent position after the British Crown took over the administration of the Indian Empire in 1858. This ascendancy continued unabated even after the Indian headquarters of the administration of the Empire were shifted in 1911 to New Delhi.

The city suffered in quick succession a number of severe jolts since the forties. With the entry of Japan in the Second World War and her sweeping victories in the earlier stages of the War, the Head Quarters of the Eastern Theatre of War of the Allied Powers were located in Calcutta with the consequent influx of military and defence personnel and also of contractors with their men connected with defence supplies. This put a considerable strain on the available civic amenities.

Almost immediately thereafter, the city faced the ordeals of the man-made famine in 1943. This was followed by the Great Calcutta Killing in August 1946 and the communal riot continued partition of the state, which brought in its wake an influx of until the uprooted human avalanche, which has not yet and which perhaps no other city in the world has experienced. In this independent India, Calcutta continues to be "a helpless victim of painful apathy, unscrupolous indifference, senseless epolitation and a plethow of broken promises".

More specifically, under the garb of 'balanced economic has the development' of India, West Bengal after industrial preindependence been robbed of its earlier eminence. The decline of Bengali entrepreneurship was complete by the turn of the present century when internal trade of India was totally captured by traders from other parts of Bengal, though this was not fully apparent then because of the overall economic control exercised over the economy by the British capital. The lack of local entrepreneurial growth coupled with the naive political-economic decision (for which economists from Bengal were also equally responsible) to abolish the Managing agency system apparently to destroy the structure of British entrepreneurship in West Bengal in 1956 (this was implemented in phases and in 1967 this system was totally abolished) without first creating an alternative entrepreneurial structure played havoc with the economy of the state and much of the present malaise could be related to this singular decision. This removed the competitive ability of West Bengal based industries in undertaking modernisation programme in the traditional industries and to make new investment in sun rise industries compared to their counterparts in other states. Closely on the heels of this legislative measure came the Monopolies and Restructive Trade Practices Act 1969 which under an apparent all-India panoroma, essentially placed every restriction on West Bengal based companies on expansion and diversification. This has been liberalised since the 1980s when concentration of wealth for big industrial houses in other parts of India has been ensured. Yet another clever move to deprive West Bengal was the introduction of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973. This helped Indian traders to gain control of British companies over the years. This is a glaring example of how scarce economic resources have been utilised in wasteful expenditure rather than in setting up new industries thus helping in the capital formation. Had even a fraction of the money that has gone in acquiring British companies utilised to set up new industries in West Bengal the situation could be totally different. Dr. R.S. Mamaks, President of the Bengal Chamber in his presidential address at the Chamber's Annual General meeting in 1982 has highlighted this aspect.

What is the net outcome? Decline in every sphere. There is a total lack of industrial actively beyond the Calcutta Metropolitan area and this is a mere manifestation of what has been outlined in the previous paragraphs. Thus except for Calcutta the rest of West Bengal has to be described as backward regions by the Planning Commission. This was the ulterior objective of our balanced economic development.

This has made a leading economist from West Bengal with a political background to seriously question the correctness of the decision of our political leaders to accept transfer of Political capital from Calcutta to New Delhi in lieu of annuollment of the original plan for partition of Bengal as put forward by Curzon.

## the city of calcutta its historical background

It is the common belief that the city of Calcutta grew out of the tiny hamlets of Govindapur, Kalikata and Sutanuti only after the Britisher, founded their settlement in the Calcutta region under their chief Job Charnock, who first visited the area in the year 1686. It is also generally believed that the East India Company purchased these three hamlets from the Sabarna Chowdhuries. Evidently it was one Lakshmi Kanta Ganguli, forefather of Subarna Chowdhuri who received these hamlets along with two other hamlets as a gift from Man Singh towards the end of the 16th century. These village were included in the Pargana of Saptagram. With the decline of Saptagram as a prominent trade centre rich merchants moved away from Saptagram and other places in Hooghly and settled in Kalikata and the adjoining villages of Govindapur and Sutanuti and helped considerably in the development of the region as an emerging commercial centre through the establishment of business relationship with the East India Company. As a matter of fact, Kalikata finds a mention as a Pargana under the Satya (on Saptagram) Sarkar in the Aini-i-Akbari of Abul Fazal which was completed in 1585 A.D. Kalikata also finds a mention In the 'Chandimangal' composed by Mukundaram between 1594 and 1624 A.D.

Among the early migrants to the area who helped to develop these villaages were Pirali Brahmins, Kayastha weavers and traders in gold and textiles. The names of Maheswar Sukdev and Maheswar's son Panchanon are well known among the Pirali Branhins (the name Pirali was derived from the village Pirulya in Nadia district) who domiciled in these villages. When they came over to Calcutta, they were generally referred to as Thakur being of Brahminical origin (the original surname was Kushari, being descandants of Purushottam Kushari of Pirulya). Panchanan was highly respected and was usually referred to as Thakur Mahasaya. Panchanan alongwith his father Maheswar shifted to Jorasanko, and Sukhdev moved to Chorebagan in Sutanuti. Panchanan Thakur happens to bet he forefather of the Tagores of Jorasanko Pathuriaghata.

Similarly, the Kayasthas, who moved to this region much earlier than Job Charnock's visit and who prospered on account of their trade with the East India Company, migrated to Kalikata and the neighburing villages from areas in Hooghly on account of the decline of Saptagram as a prosperous trading centre are the fore-fathers of the Duttas of Hatkhola, the Ghoses of Chitpur, the Mitras of Kumartuli, the Boses of Shambazar. The descendants of the textile merchants that the area was developed enough in early 17th century to attract settlement of foreign traders who settled in Sutanuti were the Seths and Basak's of North Calcutta and the descondants the Gold Merchants were the Mullicks of Central Calcutta.

All these took place before the arrival of Job Charnock in 1686. The villages of Kalikata, Govindapur and Sutanuti were developed before the arrival of the East India Company in this area on account of the dynamic efforts of the Kusharis, Kayasthas, and the Textiles and Gold Merchants who migrated and settled in these village when the prosperous trade centre of Saptagram started to decline. The area prospered so much that it attracted a group of foreign traders—the Armenians who settled in the area now, known as Armanitola. The date inscribed on the tomb Rezabeebeh, wife of Armenian Merchant correspond to the year 1632 A.D. This gives ample testimony to the best. As a matter of fact, it was at the advice of Rajaram Mullick, who claims to be descendant of the emperor Harshabardhan and where Rajaram's ancestors are reported to have settled in the Burrabazar of Kalikata after moving away from Saptagram, that Charnock set up the British Kuthi at Kalikata.

In 1689, the headquarters of the East India Company's administration in Bengal was set up in Calcutta. The original Fort William was built in Calcutta, which was replaced by a new one in 1742. In 1756, the city was ransacked and Fort William was captured by Nawab Sirajuddalah but was recaptured in 1757 by the English who struck back under the leadership of Admiral Watson and Col. Clive. Clive started construction of a new fort at the present site which was completed in 1773. In the same year, an Act of British Parliament conferred on the Presidency of Calcutta the power to exercise general control over the possessions of the East India Company and the chief of the Presidency of Calcutta was designated as the Governor-General of Bengal which designation was changed to Governor-General of India in 1834.

With this, Calcutta became the political capital of the British possessions in India. Alongwith and taking advantage of the development of the port facilities and the presence of the senior British Officers, Calcutta rapidly emerged as the most important centre for trade between the United Kingdom and the Indian Empire, starting with export of Jute and Tea and import of finished consumer goods like textiles and engineering items, Soon, Coal mining was developed and with it Calcutta become the hub of a great deal of industrial activity. The Jute industry sprang up in and around Calcutta along the bank of the River Hooghly, and so far as the engineering industry is concerned, Howrah on the western bank of Hooghly came to be regarded as Shefield of India. The first cotton textile mill in India was established at Bowrea in the Howrah district. With developing trade and industries, the population in the Calcutta Municipal Corporation area was found in the first Census conducted during 1872 to be 428 thousand which increased to 933 thousand in 1901, to 1165 thousand in 1931, 2167 thousand in 1941 and to 3305 thousand in 1981. The city came to be regarded as city of Palaces as also the second city in whole of the British Empire.

Growth Total Authority Female Male Year Area Rate Population N. A N. A. N. A. 10.000 1701 1682 Acres Capt. Hamilton 12,000 1710 1692 " ., ... .. Mr. Wilson 209,720 1752 3229 .. ,, " .. Mr. Holwell 409.000 1752 -do-., " .. Police Committee 500.000 1800 4997 Acres .. .. .. Mr. Simms 361,369 1850 -do-,, ,, ., As calculated by the Chief Magistrate 413,182 1850 -do-,, .. .. As censused by Mr. Chick. 1st Census 428.458 1872 -do-... " .. Census 11.4% 248.636 684,658 436.022 1881 5037 Acres 11.4% 268,438 497.042 1891 765,510 13133 " " 318,605 24.3% 615.149 933,754 1901 13237 " 8.86% 681.38 335,060 10,16445 1911 27.267 ., (+Suburbs) .. 3.63% 345,133 708,201 21 sq. mile (Suburbs) 10,53334 1921 .. 371,721 10.63% 793.617 **19**31 33 sq. mile ( 11,65338 " ., 678.625 .86% 14.88860 21,67485 1941 34 sq. mile ( .. .. 24.50% 17.07389 991.105 26,98494 **19**51 32.3 sa. mile " 11,11498 29,27289 8.48% 18,15791 1961 -do-.. 12,24241 7.57% 19,24505 31.48746 1971 .. 104 sg. km. 13,74686 **4.5**4% | **19**,303**2**0 33.05006 1981 " -do-

Calcatta and its Population

\*Up to the taking of the first census, various estimates have been hazarded, but they are all apparently more or less conjectural and are consequently unreliable.

N. A.-Not available.

	1710	1752	2   1821	1837	1850	) 1881	1901	1921	1951	1981
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Arya								97	1	
Animist								616		
Asiatics					15342	2				
Atheists etc.									2110	
Brahmo								1759	1	1
Buddhist							2903	3449	9427	10387
Burmese				683	850	376	1326			1
Chinese			414	362	847	576	1466		1	
Christian	1850	4200	13138	11965	13636	26430	30254	39154	75836	44827
Confusian								1361		
Eurasian including	1500	3500	9287	7927	4660	8881	12127			
Portuguese				1						
European	250	400	3005	3298	7534	13611	9567	1		
Hindu	8000	75696	118203	156735	274506	279452	386502	643013	2125907	270651 <b>1</b>
Jain	1							5524	11741	20487
Jew				307	500	<b>9</b> 32	1808	1820	1935	
Muslim	2150	37848	48162	59622	111170	124430	152200	209006	305932	506942
Parsee				40	100	141	274	620		
Sikh								1372	14166	<b>1</b> 49 <b>5</b> 4
Zorastrian								. –	1623	
Others	[					832	3236			668

Community-wise distribution of the population of Calcutta

Total population for any year in the table has not been computed since (1) this demographic distribution encompasses both ethnic and religious groups and these groups very often overlap; e.g., Armenians, Europeans & Eurasians are mostly Christian. However, such kind of divisions are very difficult to observe in other religious groups. (2) Since the first census, the methodology and the questionnaire in the censuses have changed a lot. [Source : 1. Census Reports 2. A. K. Ray—A short History of Calcutta, 1902]

## calcutta—as we know the city

As has been stated in chapter I, the metropolis of Calcutta grew to its present dimension mainly on account of the East India Company's establishment not only of its political capital but also its economic capital in this city. The city grew into the busiest centre of trade and industrial activities in the country, attracting people from every nook an corner; some came in search of livelihood, while for others the motivation was aspiration a prominence in the economic and the political field by developing contacts with the British masters.

The city's growth came about in a most unplanned manner. The cause of its present chaotic state can be traced to its unplanned growth. Except for the central part which formed the residential area for Europeans, the city developed in an utterly haphazard manner. The northern part of the city, the residential area for the middle class Bengalees with a handful of elites grow in a manner which was completely bereft of any planning-Congested building development, over crowding lack of infrastructure marked the growth of this part since the inception. The southern part of the city was comparatively better planned, because it developed much later on the guidelines framed by the Calcutta Improvement Trust.

Howsoever "Char.ce directed and chance erected" the city's development may have been over the past 400 years, it acquired a glorious heritage by giving birth and nursing the renaissance of India in the political cultural spiritual and economic fields. The vitality and warmth of Calcuttans are sight of in the infrastructural decline of this great metropolis and it is indeed unfortunate that even persons of public eminence such as Pandit Nehru, the first Prime Minister of Independent India and our present Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi had succumbed to such follies when the former described it as a city of nightmare in the sixties and the latter as 'a dying city' in 1985 doing precious little however for redressing its deep rooted malaise since the forties of the present century. A MODEST ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE BY THIS ORGANISATION TO FIND OUT WHAT THE RESI-DENTS OF CALCUTTA FEEL ABOUT THE CITY, THEIR IDEAS, EXPECTATIONS AND PRIORITIES IN REGARD TO THIS CITY.

Taking advantage of holding of the Annual Book Fair at the Calcutta Maidan in 1986 which generally attracts a large number of intellectual elites from different parts of the city, a wide cross section of these visitors were contacted inside the Book Fair, of course with permission of the Management of the Fair, and their views on various aspects of the city life have been collated and presented in an analytical framework in the following pages.

It may be mentioned that nearly 2500 (2486) visitors to the Book Fair agreed to be interviewed and answered the questions quite willingly. These visitors were picked up at random from amongst the total number of visitors. Though strict statistical technique has not been followed in the matter of selection of the sample, in view of the size of the sample and the random nature of selection, the information collected from these visitors may be regarded as the views of the class of citizens who visit exhibitions like the Book Fair, and they were found to be residing in all parts of the city. Nevertheless they reflect the views of a wide cross section of inhabitants of Calcutta within the obvious limitation enumerated earlier.

While analysing the information collected, however, it was found that in a number of cases, there were no definite replies to the queries posed or the replies given suffered from ambiguities or lack of Comprehension. All such replies have been classed as "not available" and statistical tables have been made accordingly. The figures presented in various statistical tables are in percentages of the total coverage and these percentages may be regarded at least broadly, to represent the composition of the total number of persons or families belonging to the thinking section of the populace residing in the city.

### Particulars of families of the persons interviewed.

As has been stated earlier the total number of persons interviewed and data in respect of whom were found, on scrutiny, to be acceptable, was 2486. These data have been processed and the results of analysis of these data have been presented in the paragraphs below. As was expected, most of the persons interviewed lived with their families. A family has been defined for the purpose of this Survey to be an economic family consisting of all persons who live together under a common roof, partake of meals from a common kitchen pool and the major part of whose incomes and major part of whose expenditures are met from the common pool. Obviously, the biological family is at the core of such economic families. It was found during the Survey that a large majority of these families consist of 3 or more members and have incomes ranging above Rs. 2000, per month.

Number of family members	Percentage of families to total number	income c	Percentage of families	
1	3.24	upto Rs. 500/-	0.46	
2	5.0 <del>9</del>	Rs. 501/- to	6.02	
		Rs. 1,000/-		
3-5	50.93	Rs. 1,001/- to	18.98	
		Rs. 2,000/-		
5 and above	30.09	above Rs. 2,000	)/- 64.44	
No information 10.65		No information	10.10	
Total	100.00	Total	100.00	

Table I

The above Table shows the percentage distribution of these families according to the family size and monthly income range.

The above Table shows that a little over 30 per cent of the families have more than 5 members, and in a majority of cases their incomes do not fall below Rs. 2,000/- per month. Thus it is clear that most of those who visited the Book Fair belonged to the upper middle class sector of the people and preferred to stay with their families.

Another interesting feature is that the duration of stay in Calcutta of a large majority of these families has been over 10 years, 72% of the families have stated that their period stay has exceed 10 years, while another 4.16% have stated that their stay in Calcutta has exceeded 5 years but it is less than 10 years.

Another interesting feature about these families are that an overwhelming majority of their members belong to the employment age group of 15 to 60 years of age. The males constituted an appreciably higher proportion than females, the former accounting for abuot 46 per cent of the total members in these families as against about 36 per cent of the female members. In the older age group, i. e. the age-group of 60 years and above, the males constitute a marginally higher percentage than females, the former constituting a base 0.28 per cent of the total number of family members as against the female members in this age group who constitute 0.22 per cent of the total population covered by the Survey. The position is just reverse in the case of children in the age-group upto 15 years, the males constituting nearly 8 per cent, as against the females who constitute one per cent more than the male children

Attempt was also made during the Survey to collect information relating to the earning status of the different members of the families covered by the survey. All the persons belonging to these families have been classified into three categories—Earners, Earning dependents and non-earning dependents. An "earner" has been defined as a person who earns sufficiently on a regular basis to maintain one-self at. his/her habitual standard of living. While a non-earning. dependent is one, whose earning is not sufficient to maintain. one-self to his/her habitual standard of living, the term "nonearning dependent" does not call for any definition. It was noticed that male earners in the working age group (15 yrs. to 16 yrs.) far out number the female earners, the former constituing about 32 per cent of the total family members, against only about 8 per cent constituted by the female earners. It is curious to note that among the old people, both male and female constitute small fractions of the total population accounting for only 0.28 and 0.22 per cent respective of the total population; but the children (upto the 15th vear of age) constitute about 17 per cent of the total population covered by the survey. Apparently, most of the families are migrant to Calcutta (though residing for sufficiently long time) in the city send back their old men to their permanent. residence, when they lose their capacity for earning. Only 0.5 per cent were found to be old persons, of whom 0.25 per cent of males were found to be earners and were as earning dependent and non-earning dependent, the females constituting on 0.22 per cent of the people, of whom 0.14 per cent were found to be non-earning dependent and 0.08 per cent were earners.

Information was also collected in regard to the nature and types of studies being conducted by the student members. Nearly 40 per cent of the members of the survey families were found to be procecuting studies relating to different disciplines Considering the fact that these families belong to the starta of the middle class families a lower figure would have been surprising.

The following Table shows the distribution of the members belonging to survey population by age, sex and their earning, status in percentage.

TABLE	
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	Age Group (in years)		Earn	ier		Earni depen	-		Non-ear depend	•		Total	I
		М	F	т	м	F	T	М	4	т	М	F	Т
1.	Less than 5 yrs.							1.20	1.62	2.82	1.20	1.62	2 2.82
2.	5—15 yrs.		_		0.21	_	0.21	6.71	7.20	13.9 <b>1</b>	6.92	7.20	14.12
3.	15—25 yrs.	0.35	0.50	0.85	0.70	0.78	1.48	5.37	3.81	<b>9</b> .18	6.42	5.0 <b>9</b>	11.51
4.	25—60 yrs.	3 <b>1.</b> 78	7.07	3 <b>8.</b> 85	<b>1.9</b> 8	0.77	2.75	6.14	23.31	29.45	39. <b>9</b> 0	31 <b>.15</b>	71.05
5.	6o yrs and above	0.28	0.08	0.36			_	—	0.14	0.14	0.28	0.22	0.50
	Total	32.41	7.63	40,0 <b>4</b>	2.90	1.55	4.45	19.42	36.09	55.51	54.73	45.27	100.00
		MN	<b>la</b> le	·· — ·· · · · ·		F= Fe	male			T= Tot	tal		

The Survey revealed that at the school educational level, there was practically no difference between the proportions of male and female children; but, it was found that more of the male children were receiving education at the higher levels. This difference becomes more pronounced in the technical disciplines. Surprisingly, at the level of research work, more females were found to be associated with such work than males.

The following table shows the percentage distributions of family members, associated with prosecution of studies at different levels.

ADLL-III		
	(in p	ercentages)
Male	Female	Total
23.19	<b>2</b> 2. <b>9</b> 4	46.23
23.12 4.12	14.70 1.79	37.82 5.91
3.05	2.51	5.56
1.79	0.36	<b>2.1</b> 5
0.90 56.27	<u> </u>	2.33
	Male 23.19 23.12 4.12 3.05 1.79 0.90	(in particular (in pa

#### Availability of Civic Amenities :

Efforts were made during the survey to obtain opinion of the public regarding the availability of civic amenities in Calcutta, and their suggestions for improvement of the conditions to the extent they had clear ideas in this regard. It is to be kept in mind that since no detailed survey was contemplated as regards the availability of civic amenities only general impression and opinions of persons contacted have been reflected. It has also to be kept in mind that the sample of persons interviewed was not a probability sample and that the individuals included in the sample were drawn for a particular section of the residents having a particular liberal bent of mind, The reader is expected to keep all these limitations in mind and come to his own conclusion as regards the present day condition of the city of Calcutta.

As regards civic amenities, the most important aspect is felt to be cleanliness. Information was sought in regard to the removal of garbage from different localities. It was found that slightly over 35 per cent of those interviewed stated was that garbage was being removed from their localities while another 45 per cent affirmed that removal of garbage from their localities was infrequent and according to another 14 per cent, there was no arrangement for removal of garbage, which not being removed from their localities at all.

The following table indicates the position regarding the removal of garbage.

Garbage removal Percentag					
1. Regular Removal of Garbage	<b>3</b> 5. <b>1</b> 8				
2. Infrequent Removal	45.37				
3. Not Removal at all	13 <b>.</b> 89				
4. No Information	5.56				
Total	100.00				

TABLE-IV

Position regarding the removal of garbage.

Another important aspect of civic amenities for the residents of Calcutta is the problem of water-logging after a moderate to heavy rain fall. According to the persons interviwed, more than 52 per cent reported that their areas get water logged with a moderate rainfall, while nearly 42 per cent of them reported that except for heavy rainfall, their areas not ordinarily get water-logged, while information from the remaining 6 per cent were quite vague.

Another important amenity for which the civic authorities are responsible is supply of filtered water. It was found that 62 per cent of the families have individual supply of water, but over 29 per cent have to rely on the community supply system, that is on water taps or tube-wells which serve a number of families. Replies from nearly 9 per cent of the interviewees could not be accepted for analysis as being rather vague.

As regards adequacy of the supply throughout the year, more than 65 per cent agreed that the quantity of water being received was quite adequate, but another nearly 26 per cent felt that supply of water was not adequate. It may be mentioned that those who felt that supply of water was not adequate were those persons who did not enjoy independent supply, but had to carry water for their use from community supply sources.

The following tables show the Distribution of persons according to their opinion in regard to the water supply system and adequacy of supply.

#### TABLE-V

Percentage Distribution of House-holds according to supply system and adequacy of supply of water.

Supply system	Percentage of House-holds			
Independent supply	62.04			
Community supply	29.40			
No Reply	8.56			
Total	100.00			

#### TABLE-VI

Percentage Distribution of House-holds according to their opinion regarding adequacy of water supply.

Adequacy of supply	Percentage of Persons having the opinion
Adequate	66.20
Inadequate	25.70
No Opinion	8.10
Total	100.00

Enquiries were made from those who observed that the supply was inadequate, if they had any suggestion for improvement in the supply system. It is rather surprising that though they felt that water supply was not adequate, as many as 27 per cent of such persons did not have any positive suggestion as to how improvement in supply could be brought about, though nearly 73 per cent offered definite suggestion as regards the manner in which improvement in supply could be brought about. The table below indicates the percentage distribution persons giving definite suggestion as regards method of bringing about improvement in the water supply system.

#### TABLE-VII

Percentage Distribution of persons offering definite suggestion for Improvement of Water supply system.

Suggestion for	Percentage of Persons making
Improvement	Positive Suggestion
Positive Suggestion	72.97
No Suggestion	27.03
Total	100.00

It was noticed that there was only one broad suggestion for improvement of water supply from persons who felt that the supply of water required improvement and had definite suggestion to offer. It was that each house-hold should have independent facility for supply of water.

While on the subject of adequacy of water supply, opinion survey was also carried out in regard to fire-hazard in the locality and whether sufficient arrangement was there to fight against fire. It was found that less than 40 per cent of the respondents felt that there was adequate arrangement for supply of water in case of a fire in the locality, while more than 51 per cent felt that arrangement for fire fighting was not adequate. The following table shows the percentage distribution of persons in accordance with their opinion in regard to adequacy of fire-fighting arrangements in their localities.

#### TABLE-VIII

Percentage Distribution of Respondents according to their opinion regarding Adequacy of Fire fighting Facilities.

Opinion	Percentage of Respondents
Adequate	39.35
Inadequate	5 <b>1.39</b>
No Opinion	9.26
Total	100.00

Suggestions were invited from the persons who complained of inadequate facilities for fighting fire-hazards in their localities for improvement of the position. Positive suggestions were available from more than 67 per cent of such people while the remaining 33 per cent had no suggestion to offer.

#### TABLE-VIII A

Percentage Distribution of persons according to their opinion in regard to facilities available for fire-fighting.

Opinion regarding available facilities	Percentage of Respondents
Adequate Arrangement	39.35
Inadequate Arrangement	5 <b>1.39</b>
No Opinion	9.26
Total	100.00

It was also found that among those who felt that arrangement for fire fighting in their localities were inadequate, about 67 per cent had positive suggestions to make in regard to improving the facilities and 33 per cent had no suggestion. Again the suggestion made was uniformly one that is arranging for reservoirs in each of these localities forstoring of sufficient water; so that in case of an out-break of fire it would not be necessary for fire-fighters to carry water from other localities and then pump water to extinguish the fire.

Next in importance with which residents of Calcutta are concerned is the travelling conditions In city's transport system. It was found during the survey that more or less the same proportion of the commuters use the public transport system, while around 7 per cent use their own transport while only about 3 per cent have made arrangements for travelling by chartered buses. Nearly 11 per cent of the commuters were found to use other modes of transport while no information was received from nearly 3 per cent of the interviewees.

The following Table shows the percentage distribution of the commuters within the city according to the transport system used by them.

#### TABLE-VIII B

Percentage Distribution of commuters by the transport system availed of.

Mode of Transport		Percentage of Commuters availing the system	
1.	Ordinary Bus/Tram	37.31	
2.	Special/Mini Bus	34.32	
3.	Own Transport (car)	13.58	
4.	Chartered Bus	3.13	
5.	Other Modes	8.87	
6.	No information	2.79	
	Total	100.00	

Views of these who commute by the public transport system on its travelling conditions have also been ascertained and have been placed in the following Table. It will be seen that a very large majority of these commuters consider the travelling hours as intolerable, while a small fraction felt the conditions were not intolerable. No precise re-action could be obtained from about 13 per cent of these commuters. As far as travelling condition during non-peak hours are concerned, a majority of the commuters had no comment to offer as they hardly used the public transport system during such hours, while nearly one-third of such persons felt that the travelling conditions during non-peak hours were tolerable. View point of these commuters are tabulated below :

#### TABLE-IX

Percentage Distribution of commuters availing of the Public Transport system according to their opinion regarding Travelling condition.

Travelling Time	Travelling conditions			
	Intolerable	Tolerable	No Comments	Total
1. Peak hours	77.91	8.84	13.25	100.00
2. Non-Peak he	ours 15.36	31.63	53.02	10 <b>0.00</b>

Suggestions were also sought from the commuters who felt that travelling condition on the public transport system was not tolerable during peak hours as regards the steps necessary for improving the travelling condition. Their suggestions have been analysed and presented in the following Table.

#### TABLE-X

Suggestions regarding improvement of travelling conditions in the city Transport system.

c .—	Suggestions	Percentage of commuters giving the suggestion
1.	More Metro Rail	18 66
2.	Increase in the circular Rail system	21.15
3.	More Fly over	39.79
	Introduction of Mono Rail system	5.52
5.	No suggestion	14.88
-	Total	100.00

It is well-known that conditions of road has got considerable impact on travelling conditions; and it is also well-known that conditions of Calcutta roads are far from satisfactory. Opinions of the visitors are also ascertained in regard to the conditions of the city roads. It may appear to be quite surprising that more than 23 per cent of the respondents found the conditions of the roads to be good. Replies from about 4 per cent of these persons were expressed in such manner that these replies could not accepted for analysis.

The following table shows the percentage distribution of the visitors to the Book Fair according to their opinion in regard to the conditions of roads in the city.

#### TABLE-XI

Condition of Roads in Calcutta—Opinion Regarding.

Road condition	Percentage of Persons having the opinion
Poor	34.88
7olerable	37.67
Good	23 26
No opinion	4.19
Total	100.00

Reasons were sought to be ascertained from those who were of the opinion that road conditions were poor in the city, as to the reason for such poor conditions. While nearly 5 per cent of these person did not express any opinion in regard to the reasons for such poor conditions, nearly half of them felt that lack of timely and suitable repairs was the main cause for poor road condition, while one-third held the opinion that frequent digging by the Authorities who were concerned with providing infra-structural facilities, e.g. The Telephone Authorities, the Electric Supply Co. Ltd. The Water and Sanitation Authorities, The C.M.D.A., The Calcutta Municipal Corporation were the main culprits while about one-sixth of the respondents, felt that there were other multifarious reasons for such condition.

#### TABLE-XII

Reasons	Percentage of Persons Reporting
Lack of proper Repair	46.67
Frequent Digging	32.00
Other Reasons	16.67
No Reply	4.66
Total	100.00

Reasons for Poor Road conditions (in Percentage of Persons Holding the opinion)

#### Educational Facilities :

A very important aspect affecting the quality of living in the availability of educational facilities in the locality. Information was collected during the survey of availability of such facilities in the locality. The information so collected are presented in the following table.

#### TABLE-XIII

Table Indicating Adequacy of Affiliated Schools in the Locality according to Medium of Instruction.

(In Percentage)

medium of	, a diable		Opining regarding adequacy of available facility		
metruction	Facility	Yes	No	No infor- mation	Total
English	30.6 <b>8</b>	78 31	12.05	<b>9</b> .64	100.00
Bengali	58.23	83.33	10.32	6.35	100.00
Hindi	11.(9	85. <b>4</b> 2	8. <b>33</b>	6.25	100.00
Total	<b>10</b> 0.00				

The foregiving table indicates that of the total number of visitors interviewed, nearly 31 per cent informed that they had affiliated English Medium Schools in their localities over 58 per cent had Bengali Medium Schools and about 11 per cent had Hindi Medium affiliated Schools in their localities.

Over 78 per cent of those who were having English medium Schools in their localities were of the opinion that the available facility in their locality was quite adequate for their purposes, 12 per cent were not satisfied while the other 10 per cent refrained from expressing any opinion.

So far as the Bengali Medium Schools are concerned, over 83.33 per cent felt that the available facilities were quite adequate for their purposes, 10.32 per cent felt that the available facilities were not upto the standard, while the remaining 6.35 per cent did not offer any opinion.

The corresponding percentage for Hindi Medium Schools are 85.42 per cent, 8.33 per cent and 6.25.

Information were also collected as regards adequacy of the available facilities for secondary and Higher education in the city. The following table shows the percentage distribution of the visitors in regard to their opinion relating to adequacy or otherwise of such facilities.

#### TABLE-XIV

Opinion regarding available education (per percentages)	Basic Education	Higher
1. Adequate	22.63	24.48
2. Inadequate	47.81	<b>47</b> .58
3. Poor	21.71	20.38
4. No Opinion	<b>7</b> .8 <b>5</b>	<b>7</b> .5 <b>8</b>
Total	100.00	<b>10</b> 0.00

#### Opinion Regarding available facilities for Basic and Higher Education in the City

It will be seen from the Table that more than a fifth of the persons interviewed were of the opinion that facilities available for both Basic and Higher Education were "poor". On further questioning as regards suggestion for improvement, nearly 65 per cent had suggestions, while 35 per cent of those interviewed had no suggestion. The suggestion were for inculcating a greater sense of responsibility in the teachers and a greater inter-action between the teacher and the taught.

Views of the visitors to the Fair were also sought in regard to establishment of new campus outside the city for imparting Basic and Higher Education to the children. The questions put to the visitors related to their views as to whether establishment of such campus outside the boundaries of the city, 78.52 per cent of the visitors were of the view that establishment of such campus would prove quite helpful for importing sound basic and higher education to the children.

Ashed whether establishment of such campus would be really helpful to the children belonging to Middle or the power section of the citizens, 67.65 per cent of the visitors came out with the suggestion that these institutes (outside the city boundaries) should be subsidised so that these would become really useful to the wards of the poors sections of society.

Enquiries were also made in respect of their feeling about the usefulness of the uniform educational pattern envisaged in the New Educational Policy prescribed by the Central Government, less than 60 per cent of these persons felt that it would be useful to have a uniform educational pattern throughout the country, while 23 per cent felt that such a uniform pattern will not serve any useful purpose, and the remaining 18 per cent refrained from expressing any opinion.

Similarly in regard to the proposal for setting up model schools in selected districts thoroughout the country under the New Educational Policy, barely a majority was found to be of the view that such Model Schools would be helpful in improving the quality of education being imparted in different parts of the country, especially the rural areas, while about one-third of these persons felt that no useful purpose will be served by setting such Model Schools, and the remaining 18 per cent were not prepared to express their views about the New Educational Policy.

The following Tables shows the percentages of the persons interviewed about their views in regard to the National Education policy.

#### TABLE-XV

Views of persons (in percentages) in regard to Establishment Educational Institutes in a Campus outside the city Peripheri.

Views	Setting up of a new campus	Usefulness to wards from poorer section of the citizen.
1. Helpful	78.52	67.65
2. Not helpful	12.70	<b>1</b> 7. <b>0</b> 6
3. No opinion	8.78	15.29
Total	100.00	100.00

#### TABLE-XVI

Views of persons (in percentages) in regard to the New Education Policy.

<b>View</b> s	Uniformity of Educational Pattern	Usefulness of Model Schools	
1. Useful	59.49	52.09	
2. Not Useful	22.69	31.71	
3. No Comment	17.82	16.20	
Total	100.00	100.20	

#### Recreational Facilities :

Information was also collected in regard to adequacy and quality of recreational facilities available in the residential localities. It is well-known that existence of libraries for general reading helps a lot to eradicate boredom and provide innocent entertainment to the readers. Keeping this characteristic in view, information was collected in regard to availability of such libraries and the use made of these libraries by the persons interviewed. It was found that more than 70 per cent reported about existence of libraries for general readers in their localities, while about 24 per cent reported that there was no library, and less than half per cent reported that they had no idea if there was any library in their area, while information supplied by the remaining 4 per cent did not make any sense and had not been taken account for purposes of the analysis.

The following Table shows existence of libraries for general readers in different localities and use made of these libraries on a regular basis, of course, in terms of percentage of the persons interviewed.

TABLE	-XVII
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Existence of Libraries	Percentage of Persons Reporting
Libraries Existing	74.53
No Library	<b>24</b> .94
Not Known	0.48
Total	<b>100.0</b> 0

Existence of Libraries for General Readers

As regards use made of these libraries, it was found that 60 per cent of the residents of the locality were members of these libraries and making regular use of them, while 40 per cent were not members and as such, were not making use of these libraries.

#### Cultural Fattern :

An idea of the cultural pattern of these respondents could be obtained from the fact that more than three-fourth of the respondents possessed both Radio and Television sets; over 17 per cent possessed Radio or Transistor sets only, but only 2 per cent possessed T.V. sets only.

As regards quality of the programmes broadcast or telecast, 50 per cent of these people felt that the programmes, both on the T.V. or Radio were either drab or boring, less than e third of the viewers or listeners felt the programmes to be entertaining while less than 10 per cent found the programmes to be educative and about 11 per cent refrained from expressing any opinion.

The following Table indicates possession of these sets and also opinion in regard to quality of the programmes.

		Equipments						
	Television sets only	Radio Transist sets onl		None	Total			
Ownership	2.32	<b>17.3</b> 6	76.62	3.70	100.CO			
Opinion re : quality of programmes	Percent	tage of res	pondents					
Educative	<b>7.</b> 3 <b>3</b>	8 37			_			
Entertaining	30.50	32. <b>7</b> 6		-				
Drab	16.71	14.53		-				
Boring	34. <b>9</b> 0	3 <b>3</b> .50						
No opinion	10.56	10.84						
Total	100.00	100 00						

TABLE-XVIII

It will be clear from the above while practically every body possessed these equipments the quality of the programmes on these media require a lot of improvement,

#### Sports and Games :

It is quite well-known that the city lacks in suitable facilities for sports and games. Most of the parks are occupied by hawker and pedlars and these parks lack in suitable facilities for sports and games. Of course, it is possible for grown up youths to move to the Maidan for their games and sports, the children, who require most such facilities, are denied opportunity for games and sports. Availability of suitable facilities for games and sports for children in their localities are indicated in the following Table.

#### TABLE-XIX

Availability of Appropriate facilities for sports and games for children.

Respondents	Availability of Adequate Facilities						
Percentage of replies	Yes	No	No comment	Total			
	2 <b>9</b> .93	58 <b>.93</b>	11.14	100.00			

The above Table indicates a dismel picture in regard to availability of facilities for games and sports for the children which means lot of improvement is required in this area.

Information was also in regard to the opinion of the respondents as to what they felt about the stadium for games and sports. It should be borne in mind that the stadium in the Salt Lake City was not converted then to Yuba Bharati Krirangen. Still a large majority, i.e. 64.73 per cent felt that impact of the stadium will be quite useful and another 9.05 per cent had no opinion in this regard only 26.22 per cent felt that there would be no useful impact of the 'Stadium of the sports like of the City.'

## CALCUTTA'S BUSTEE POPULATION

## introduction

No study of the Calcutta people is complete without forming an idea about its bustee population. A slum has been defined under the Calcutta Municipal Act, 1951 as an "Area of land not less than 10 cottas occupied for the purposes of residence by huts". A hut has been defined in the same Act as a building, no substantial part of which is constructed of masonry, cement, concrete iron or steel or other metal except for 'walls upto' a height of 18" above the Floor level.

There are about 500 bustees in accordance with the above definition within the Calcutta Urban Agglomeration with a population of around 2.8 million (as brought upto 1981). These bustees cover a total area of 90 sq. km. with a density of population of more than 31,000 per sq. km. the corresponding figures for the city proper (the CMC area) are that the bustees cover an area 17 sq. km. with a total population of 1.4 million having a density of more than 82,000 per sq. km.

An attempt has been made by the Kalikata Bustee Progati Sanstha (KBPS), an apart body set up for co-ordinating the activities of the various welfare organisation with or without foreign financial assistance who are working in various bustees for ameleorating the living conditions of the residents, to conduct a socio-economic study of the conditions in 10 selected Bustees in Calcuta and Howrah municipal areas, primarily with a view to identifying schemes/projects for improving the economic conditions of the people residing in these Bustees. Though the Bustees were selected purposively and not as a probability sample, since these bustees are distributed the length and breadth of the city including Howrah, brad conclusions can safely be drawn about the socio-economic conditions of the residents of these bustees from analysis of the date collected during the survey.

The following is a list of the 10 bustees or micro-communities (MC) as has been termed in subsequent part of the discussion.

- 1. Yuba Sangathan;
- 2. Basak Bagan-I;
- 3. Basak Bagan-II;
- 4. Nandi Bagan ;
- 5. Salkia ;
- 6. Hastings;
- 7. Kulia Tangra;
- 8. Dara Para ;
- 9. Kasia Bagan ; and
- 10. Peara Bagan.

These MC's were selected on account of their spread over CMC area except for Salkia and the fact that there head a population around 5000 each, about a thousand families residency in each bustee. Socio-economic information was collected from each of the families residing in the selected bustees on a complete canvas. The broad characteristics found relating to resident of these MC's are presented in the following paragraphs.

It was found that about 55 per cent of the families residing at the MC's were below the poverty line. The "poverty line" has been defined to be a per capita income level of not exceeding Rs. 65 per month with the average working class consumer price index number (1960-100) registering 325 of course, the level varied from MC to MC. The Yuba sangathan had about 31 per cent of the resident

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families below the poverty line while in Hastings the proportion exceeded 72 per cent.

As regards occupation rights, it was found that in each of the Bustees, there were C number of residents who were owners; their proportion varied from 8 per cent to over 20 per cent. Most of the residents were occupying the huts as tenants of the owners whose proportion was found to very from 60 to 70 per cent. A number of the families were found in each of the Bustees to occupy their huts on a leasehold basis, while quite a number were found to occupy their huts without any legal sanction. They were just tresspasseres.

Most of the residents, their proportion was found to exceed 90 per cent to about 100 per cent were found to stay in the hut for more than 5 years. The rent paid by them were found to very between Rs. 11/- to 20/- per month, though quite a number were found to pay higher rents upto Rs. 30 p.m. and in some of the Bustees even higher rent.

In practically all the Bustees covered by the survey, it was found that about two-third, to three-fourths of the families were having a per capita annual income of less than Rs. 1800/-.

For the purpose of this survey, a family we defined to be the economic family. All persons living under the same roof and pertaking of meals from the common kitchen who pool together their incomes and the major parts of whose expenditure were met from the common pool, constituted the economic family. The economic family is, generally speaking, though not necessarily, is an expansion of the biological family. Thus, more than one persons, though not belonging to the same biological family, but meeting other criteria are regarded to belong to the same family; on the other hand, a group of persons living under the same roof not meeting other criteria of the family as defined earlier, is not regarded to belong to the same family but constitute one member families.

Other concepts adopted in survey are explained below for better understanding.

Adult :

An adult is a person who has completed the 18th year of age; and a person who had completed the 15th year of his age but not the eighteenth year was an adolescent, while a child is a person who has not completed the 15th year has been defined to be a child.

#### **Ownership** Status :

A family occupying a room in a bustee may so on the following basis-

- (a) Owners is one who owns the room he occupies.
- (b) Lease-holder—is one who occupies the room on the basis of lease from the owner.
- (c) Tenants is one who occupies the room by paying regular rent to the owner or lease-holder of the room. Only rent paid is taken into account in exclusion of any other payment.

### Educational Standard :

- (a) Illiterate is a person who cannot read a simple sentence or write his own name.
- (b) Neo-literate is one who can write his own name or read a simple sentence, but is likely to slip lower to the illiterate stage, unless he keeps up the practice.
- (c) Primary—must have passed the 4th class of a recognised school.
- (d) Junior high—must have successfully completed the VII class of the secondary education.
- (e) Secondary—must have successfully completed the X class of school education or have passed the Matriculation on the School Final Examination.

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- (f) Higher Secondary—must have passed the Higher Secondary Examination.
- (g) Graduates—must have obtained a degree from a recognise University or an institution granted university status.
- (h) Diploma (technical)—must have got the Diploma from a recognised institution.
- (i) Apprenticeship training—must have completed apprenticeship training programme sponsored by the Apprenticeship Board.
- (j) Post-graduate Degree or Diploma-must be from a recognised University or a recognised institution after having a degree from a recognised University.
- (k) Other professional training—must have undergone institution training in some profession.

#### Economic Status :

There are three categories of earning status-

- (a) Earner—having sufficient income to maintain himself in his habitual standard of living.
- (b) Earning Dependent—having some regular income which is not sufficient to keep him in his habitual standard of living.
- (c) Non-earning dependent-having income of his own.

#### Activity Status :

There are seven categories of activity status which are explained below :

- (a) Employer—having some paid helper in his work irrespective of the fact whether he himself works or not.
- (b) Employee—Sales his labour on a regular basis for wages in cash or kind or both.

- (c) Self employed—a person who is not an employer or employee, but works for himself on job basis.
- (d) Unpaid family labour—works whole time or part-time on regular basis, but works on a regular basis in a family, enterprise on a regular basis for which no wages is paid to him except for a small sum toward his pocket expenses, though his regular expenses are met from the common family pool.
- (e) Unemployed—who has not work on the reference day even for an hour, the reference day and was seeking or available for work on the reference day.
- (f) Not in the labour force—a person who is neither an employer, employee, self-employed person nor working as unpaid labour in a family enterprise and is looking or available for employment e.g. a housewife.
- (g) A student is one who is following a regular course of study in some institution.

## Industries in which employed :

The industries classification has followed the National Industrial Classification, 1970.

#### Occupation :

Occupation is indicative of the skill or the type of work performed by each person. The National classification 1968 has been adopted for this Report.

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## demography

#### Age-distribution of the family members :

It was found that the number of persons in the working age-group of 15-E4 were much higher in the mare affluent section of the Bustee dwellers. It was of course apparent that the number of members in the poorer families was much mare than in the affluent families. The Table No. I (see page No. 42) shows the proportion of family members accounted for by families in different income groups and the age distribution of these members.

It is also noticed that the average family size is appreciably higher in the low income group families which has steadily gone down with the increase in per capita income. It is not only the average family size which has gone down with economic affluence but also proportion of females to male has also gone down. The following table shows the family size and family composition by sex and income class.

#### TABLE---II

A	Proportion of families	Average Family size Male Female Total			
	ercentage)	wate	i cinale	10141	
Less than 7£C/- 780/- to less than 9£0/- 960/- to less than 12C0/ 1200/-to less than 1£00 1800/- and above	- 82	2.82 2.41 2.28 1.80 1.63	2.54 1.76 1.73 0.98 0. <b>5</b> 1	5.36 4.17 4.01 2.78 2.14	

Distribution of the families together with family size and family composition by sex according to Income Class.

TABLE	1	
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Family members and their age distribution by per capita Income Class.

(In percentage)

per Capita annual	Family			Age in con	npleted yea	ars		
income per annum (Rs.)	members	0-4	5-14	15-24	2 <b>5</b> -54	55-59	60 & ab	ove Total
less than 780.00	66.3	13.9	2 <b>9</b> .8	18.6	32.7	1.4	3.6	100.00
780.00 to less than 960.0	0 10.6	11.2	21.0	21.6	40.6	1.9	3.5	100.00
960.00 to less than 1200.	00 7.5	8.5	20.4	22.9	<b>41</b> .9	2.4	3.9	100.00
1200.00 to less than 1800	.00 9.5	6.2	13.3	23.1	50.1	2.7	4.6	100.00
1800.00 or more	6.1	4.7	9.7	19.7	58.4	2.8	4.7	100.00
Total	100 00	10.9	26.2	19.7	37.7	1.7	<b>3</b> .8	100.00

The fact that size of families in the higher income brackets have been found to be much smaller does not indicate that with higher income, there is greater limitation of families. With the limited scope of the survey by the KBPS, no information was collected about dependents living away, or the amount of remittances home. As a result, such families have come to be classified in the higher income brackets, and a considerably smaller family size per such families. This is supported by the fact of greater sex inbalance in the higher income brackets (vide Table III).

The above conclusion gets further support from the fact that the proportion of children has come down sharply with per capita income, as may be seen from Table I. It will be seen therefrom that while in the lowest income bracket the proportion of children (0 to 14 years of age) is nearly 45 per cent which compares very favourably with the national average, it has come down to less than 15 per cent in the highest income bracket of annual per capita income of Rs. 1,800/- or more. This confirms the presemption that quite a number of residents have left their families at home and as a result. have come to be classified in the higher income brackets.

#### Family composition :

The Table III, in page 44 indicates composition of the families by per capita income class and the average number of adults and children in the families.

The above table shows that a large majority of the families belonging to the lowest per capita income bracket have two or more adults with children, while one or two adults families (without children) are quite few among the lowest per capita income class. The position is however, the reverse in the highest income class. In that class, one adult families constitute the majority (nearly 52%). Two or more adult families without children constituted another 32 per cent and only 16 per cent of these families had children. Such composition of the families provide an explanation of their economic condition.

### TABLE-III

Percentage Distribution of Families according to the Number of Adults and Children in a Family. FAMILY COMPOSITION

per Capita annual income (Rs.)	One adult only	One adult with children	Two adults	Two adults with children	More than adults only	More than two adults with children	Total
Less than 780/-	2.84	2.00	5.19	37.19	7.50	45.28	100
780/- to less than 960/-	5.3 <b>3</b>	1.71	12. <b>2</b> 3	37.50	14.82	28.41	100
960/- to less than 1200/-	8 <b>.0</b> 5	3.90	<b>19</b> .25	23.97	18.71	26 <b>.</b> 12	100
1200/- to less than 1800	/- 22.01	2.75	25.30	17.25	16.63	16.06	100
1800/- and above	51.81	2.27	20.20	6.90	11.66	7.16	100

#### Marital Status :

Percentage distribution of the residents in the Bustees according to their marital status is shown in Table IV (see page 46).

It will be noticed from the Table that the proportion of the married persons (both male and female taken together) is the highest among the highest per capita income break and is the lowest among the lowest income bracket. This is as is to be expected in view of the fact thet proportion of adult persons of the age of 25 years or more is the highest in income bracket and less progressively come down with the per capita income in the family.

One point should, however, merits mention Widowed persons were quite few among the residents being around 4 per cent of the number of residents' in the bustees, while divorcees and seperated persons are negligible in proportion.

#### Educational Standard :

It would not be proper to assume that residents of Bustees are practically deprived of any educational attainment. The level of literacy conformed by and large, the national average; though the level of education above the secondary level is quite meagre. The Table in page 46 shows the distribution of the Bustee population by per capita income and level of education attained by them.

The following Table shows that the extent of illiteracy is appreciably higher among the family members in the lower income brackets, though its extent among the higher income brackets is such that special effort is clearly called per reducing the extent.

Another curious feature is that the literacy levels upto the primary standard are more or less the same in the different income brackets. It is also noticed that spread of education higher than primary level is more among the families belonging to the higher income brackets; even the number of

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Percentage Distribution	of the Fa	mily Me and	mbers of their Ma	the Bus arital St	stee Popul atus.	ation by	Per Capita	Income	
Per Capita annual Income (Rs.)	Unma	nrried	Married	W	idow	Divorce	Seper	ated	Total
Less than 780/-	56.9	93	38.23	4	1.34	0.39	0.11		100
780/- to less than 960	47.7		47.17	3	. <b>7</b> 2	0.32	0.04		100
960/- to less than 1200/-	42.8		52.85	З	.80	0. <b>2</b> 8	0.19		100
1200/- to less than 1800/-	35.2	-	5 <b>9.</b> 43	4	.43	0.27	0.08		100
1800/- or more	<b>29</b> .3		66.54	3	.45	0.66			100
Percentage Distributio	n of the F		TABLI lembers o leational	of the B		ulation by	y Income c	ass an	d
Per Capita annual income	llirterate	Neo-	Primary	Junior	Secondar	y Higher	Graduate	Other	Total
(Rs.)		Literate	-	High		Seconda			
Less than 780/-	57.84	20.67	11.26	7.28	1.88	0 58	0.48	0.01	100.00
780/-to less than 960/-	52 <b>.81</b>	21.77	12.80	8.86	2.46	0 <b>.7</b> 7	0.45	0.08	100.00
960/- to less than 1200/-	48.7 <b>1</b>	22.15	12.29	10.80	3.81	1.12	1.04	0.08	100 00
1200/- to less than 1800	45.13	21.52	15.16	10 0 <b>1</b>	4.08	1.40	1. <b>1</b> 0	1.60	100.00
1200/- or more	41.42	21.67	16.75	11.28	4 93	1.76	1.94	<b>0.2</b> 5	100.00

degree-holders is not insignificant in the highest income bracket being about 2 per cent of the total number of persons in highest income bracket.

#### Economic Conditions :

The economic conditions of the families whether residing in the Bustees or depends to a large extent on the number of earners in the families. Obviously such families in which the number of earners per family will be higher will belong to the higher income classes. The Table below shows the average number of earners per family belonging to different income brackets.

#### TABLE-VI

Percentage Distribution of Families by per capita income-class and the number of Earners.

per Capita annual income (Rs.)	One earner	Two earners	More than two earners	No earner	Total
Less than 780/-	75.67	17.27	6.67	0.39	100.00
780/- to less	70.32	18.21	9.20	2.27	100.00
than 960/-					
960/- to less than 1200/-	6 <b>6.5</b> 2	23. <b>9</b> 9	8 <b>.49</b>	1.00	100.00
1200/- to less than 1800/-	65.94	21.77	11.83	0.46	100.00
1800/- or more	70.81	19.51	9.58	0.10	100.00

EARNING STRENGTH

It will be seen that in all the income classes there are some families which do not have any earner. Those families sustain themselves with remittances received by them from outside.

It will also be noticed that more than two earner families are quite small in all the income brackets with the proportion going down among the lower income brackets and one earner families are quite large in all the income classes, verging from our 75 per cent of the families below the pervesty like (that is with the per capita annual income of less than Rs. 750/-) to nearly 67 per cent among the families belonging to the class having per capita annual income varying from Rs. 1200/to Rs. 1800/-.

Data were also collected during the survey as regards the economic status of persons belonging to the various income classes. It was found that the proportion of non-earning dependents was the highest among the lowest income bracket of per capita annual income of less than Rs. 7EO/- which is to be expected. The proportion of non-earning dependents has progressively gone down in families in the higher income brackets. However, a curious feature is that the proportion of earning dependents were practically the same in all the income brackets varying between 4 to 5 per cent except for the per capita income class of Rs. 1200/-to less than Rs. 1000/-where the proportion was 5.32 per cent of the total number of members. The table VII below shows the percentage distribution of the family members according to their economic status by income class.

#### TABLE-VII

# Number of Family Members according to Earning status belonging to different income group.

Per capita annual income (Rs.)	Average family size	Earner	Earning depen- dent d	Non- earning ependents
Less than 780/-	5.36	1.17	0.21	3 <b>.9</b> 8
780/- to less than 960	4.12	<b>1.2</b> 3	0.20	2.74
960/- to less than 1200/-	4.01	1.37	0.21	2.43
1200/- to less than 1800	/- 2.78	1.2 <b>2</b>	0.33	1.23
1E00/- and above	2.14	1.32	0.11	0.7 <b>1</b>

#### FAMILY COMPOSITION BY ECONOMIC STATUS

The following table shows the percentage distribution of persons by income class according to their Economic Status. It will be seen from the table that a large majority of persons in the lowest income class are non-earning dependents, whereas such person in the highest per capita income class of Rs. 1800/- or more constituted less than one-third of the total population in that class. The earners were found to account for more than 64 per cent of the total population is this class, in contrast to mere 22 per cent of earners among the families in the lowest income class. This furnishes the explanation of the economic affluence of such families.

#### TABLE-VIII

# Percentage Distribution of the Bustee Population by Income class according to their Economic Status.

	Economic Status				
Earner	Earning depende <b>nt</b>	Non- earning dependent	Total		
<b>22.0</b> 0	4.09	73.91	100.00		
3 <b>0.5</b> 5	4.84	64.61	100.00		
35.20	4.70	60.10	100.00		
48.21	5.32	46.47	100.00		
64.18	4 34	31.48	100.00		
	22.00 30.55 35.20 48.21	Earner         Earning dependent           22.00         4.09           30.55         4.84           35.20         4.70           48.21         5.32	Earner         Earning dependent         Non- earning dependent           22.00         4.09         73.91           30.55         4.84         64.61           35.20         4.70         60.10           48.21         5.32         46.47		

#### Employment and Unemployment

The Table IX below shows the distribution of family members by income class and activity status. It will be seen therefrom as is to be expected, that on average, our 40 per cent of the family member who are in the lowest income class are not in the labour force and another 15 per cent were students. On the other hand, the proportion of members of families in the highest income class who are not in the labour force constituted about 22 per cent and the students constituted only about 7 per cent of the family members.

It will also be seen that proportion of unemployed members in the highest income class constituted hardly 5 per cent, while in the lowest income class, the proportion went upto around 15 per cent. It may be recalled that according to definitions adopted, only such persons are regarded not to be in the labour force when they are not only seeking employment, but also are not available for employment.

It will be noticed from the Table IX that the proportion of students were found to be the lowest in the highest income class. This leads support the conclusion that lack of employment opportunities leads to continuation of the status of students.

It is very interesting to note that in all the income class there are some persons who were found to come under the definition of employers. These persons were found to employ some others persons to help them in their own enterprise or business. Self-employed persons were found to account for substantial proportion of persons in the higher income classes. Full time employees account for nearly half of the population in the highest income class, while a third were found to be full-time employees in the next higher income class. The Table X given below brings out the activity status of persons belonging to different income classes.

Self-employed persons were found to constitute a substantial proportion of persons in the highest two income classes.

Family compo	sition by Ir	ncome class	according	to activi	ty status o	t the Me	mbers.			
		FAMILY COMPOSITION BY ACTIVITY STATUS								
Per Capita	Average	Employer	Empl	oyee	Self-	Unem-	Students	Not in		
annual income (Rs.)	fa <b>mily</b> size		Whole- time	Part- time	employ- ment	pl <b>oy</b> ed		Labour force		
Less than 780/- 780/- to less than 960/- 960/- to less than 1200/- 1200/- to less than 1800/- 1800/- and above	5.36 4.17 4.01 2.78 2.14	0.02 0.03 0.02 0 02 0.02	0.76 0.79 0.76 0.81 0.92	0.38 0.33 0.38 0.23 0.20	0.24 0.27 0 32 0.30 0.27	0.76 0.46 0.42 0.28 0.11	0.80 0.58 0.60 0.30 0.16	2.40 1.61 1.51 0,84 0.47		

### TABLE-IX

Family composition by Income class according to activity status of the Members.

## TABLE-X

Percentage Distribution of persons by Income class and Activity Status.

			ACTIVITY STATUS								
Per capita annual income (Rs.)	employer	Emplo Full- time	oyee Part- time	Self- employ- ed	Unpaid family labour	Unem- ployed	Not in Labour force	Student	Total		
Less than 780/- 780/- to lesss than 930/- 960/- to less than 1200/- 1200/- to less than 1800/- 1800/- or more	0.38 0.86 0.35 0.86 1.17	12.34 18.65 22.29 33.96 44.64	4.75 11.09 8.83 10.18 8.67	4.60 6.74 8.76 12.52 13.34	0.40 0.93 0.52 0.61 0.36	15.02 9.44 10.81 7.81 4.50	46 83 40.30 34.60 26.01 20.20	15 68 12.07 13.84 8.05 7.12	100.00 100.00 100.00 100.00 100.00		

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Occupation-wise distribution of persons in different income classes have been furnished in the Appendix Table. It will be seen therefrom that unskilled labour formed the largest proportion of Bustee population. Next in importance is the occupation of house-maids and sweepers and cleaners, while such landable professions of teachers both in primary schools and high schools, as also labour, social and political workers are found among the Bustee populations, street vending has also been found to guite important occupation.

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## occupation

Occupation	Less than Rs. 780/-	Rs. 780/- to less than Rs. 950/-	Rs. 969/- to less than Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1200/- to less than Rs. 1800/-	Rs. 1800/- or more
Midwife & Health Visitors Accountants & Auditors Social Scientists &	a a a	a x a	a x a	x x a	x x a
Related workers Labour, Social Welfare &	5.08	7.08	7 09	4.73	13.53
Political Workers Other Social & Related Workers	а	а	а	x	x
Teachers (High School)	x	x	x	x	а
Teachers (Primary School) Teachers (Pre— -do- )	X	a	X	X	a
Other Teachers	x a	X X	X X	x a	x a
Sculptor, Painter,	a	x	a	X	a 8
Photographer etc. Ordained Religious Workers	а	а	x	а	×
Athlete, Sports & related workers	а	а	а	а	a
Clerical Supervisors	a	а	а	а	а
Card & Tape punching	а	а	а	a	x
operators Book-keepers & Cashiers					
Tabulating Machine	a a	a x	x	a x	
Operator					
Clerks	0.74	0.57	0.93	0.54	1.09
Receptionists etc. Office Attendant	а	x	X	X	x
Bus Conductor	0.72	0.65	a 0.º1	a	a
Mail Distributors	0.72	0.85	0.30	0.57	1.08
Telephone Operators	1		0.00	0.07	0.00
Shop Keeper	3.79	4.05	F.05	3.82	5.07
Manufacturers Agent	1.83	2.00	3.17	2.33	2 43

## (Occupation Contd.)

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Occupation	Less than Rs. 780/-	Rs. 780/- to less than Rs. 960/-	Rs. 960/- to less than Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1200/- to less than Rs. 18.0/-	Rs. 1800/- or more
Salesmen, Commercial	а	а	а	а	а
Travellers	0.00	<b>3.</b> 37	2.11	1.72	2.41
Shop Assistants Salesman	2.22	3.57 a	2.11 a		2.41 a
Street Vendors	a 4.73	5.45	3.55	а 8.78	3.86
Real Estate Brokers	4.75	a	a	0.78 X	x
	a	u	ä	^	^
Agent Money lenders Pawn	а	x	x	v	x
Brokers	a	^		x	^
Electric Wireman		а	a	x	х
Telephone, Telegraph	a a	a	a	x	x
Repairer	a	- u		Â	, A
Electric lineman and	a	а	a	x	х
Cable jointer		-		^	
Radio, T.V. Operators	а	x	а	x	x
Plumbing, Pipe fitter	a	а	а	а	а
Welder, Flame cutter	a	а	х	x	х
Metal Plate & Structural	a	a	а	х	x
Metal Worker					
Glass, Potter & Related	0.72	0.91	1.19	1.08	0.97
workers					
Rubber & Plastic Product	0.25	0.11	0.42	0.46	
workers					
Printers, supervisory	a	а	а	a	а
Compositors	a	a	x	x	х
Printing etc.	a	a	а	a	а
Book Binders	a	a	×	х	x
Pointers, construction	a	а	a	а	а
Pointers, Spray & Sign	a	a	x	х	x
Writing	1	1	0.0		
Musical Instrument	'0.32	x	0. <sup>-</sup> 9	0.26	0.72
Makers Tuners		0.07	0.04		0.4 -
Brick layers etc.	1.32	0.65	0.84	0.16	0.11
Stationery & Related	a	а			
Equipment operators	1		х	х	х
Oiler, Cleaners of Motor	а	а	а	х	х
Vehicles					

## (Occupation Contd.)

(Occupation Contd.)									
Occupation	Less than Rs. 780/-	Rs. 780/- to less than Rs. 930/-	Rs. 960/- to less than Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1200/- to less than Rs. 1830/-	Rs. 1800/- or more				
Material Handling & Rela-	0.28	0.48	0.22	0.04	0.05				
ted Equipment operators	0.20	0.40		0.0					
Fireman, Locomotives Pointsman, Signaller, Rivs	а 0.8 <b>3</b>	× 0.47	x 0.82	x 0.92	x 1.28				
Bus Drivers	0.24	2.67	1.85	2.47	1.07				
Driver, Fire Brigade Vehicles	0.26	0.36	0.37	0.14	0.21				
Driver, Animal Driven Vehicles	0.73	0.15	x	x	x				
Cycle, Rickshaw Drivers & Rickshaw pullers	1.82	0.92	2.16	<b>0</b> .5 <b>7</b>	0.29				
Hand Cartman	0 28	0.08	0.58	2.54	0.72				
Unskilled Labour No Fixed Occupation	15 27	11.45	10.10	11.12 2.26	7.52				
Hotel & Restaurant	1.31 a	1.35 a	1.23 a	2.20 a	1.68 a				
keepers	a	a	L L	l ũ	u u				
House keeper	a	a	a	x	x				
Cook, Waiters etc.	0.64			0.72	0.78				
House Maids, etc. Care-takers of Buildings	6.07	4.21	4.01	2.21	1.38				
Sweeper, Cleaners etc.	6.63	5.24	5.87	6.86	× 6.15				
Laundrymen, Dhobi etc.	a 0.00	a	a	] a	a				
Hairdresser, Barber	a	a	a	a	a				
Policeman	×	x	X	X	a				
Watchman, Chowkidar,	0.47	7 0.53	3 ,0.30	0.64	0.12				
Gate-keeper Grave diggers		a	x	x					
Well diggers	a	a	a	Î	X				
Metal Processor	a	x	1	x	x				
Wood preperation work	0.5	· 0.4	2 0.29	) x	0.18				
Chemical Processors	a	a	1	x	x				
Spinner, Weaver etc.	a	(	1	a					
Grain Miller Butcher, Meat preparer	a		:	X	3				
Trainers etc.	a	1	•	· · ·					
Dairy products processor		1	a a	1					

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## (Occupation Contd.)

Occupation	Less than Rs. 780/-	Rs. 750/- to less than Rs 950/-	Rs. 960/- to less than Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 1200/- to less than Rs 1E00/-	Rs. 1E00/ or more
Baker, Confectioner etc.	а	а	а	a	а
Tea, Coffee preparer	a	a	a	а	a
Brewer, aerated water workers	а	а	x	x	x
Tobacco preparer	a	x	x	x	x
Bidi Maker	а	а	а	а	а
Tailor, Dress maker etc.	1.78	2 37	2.01	1.63	1.39
Shoe and other leather goods maker	0.00	0.60	0.16	0.62	0.28
Carpentar	0.42	0.19	0 08	0.33	0.07
Watch & Clock repairer	x	×	x	X	x
Machine fitter & Machine assembler	0.85	0.46	0.63	0.18	0.24
Motor vehicle Mechanic	0.35		0.51	0.24	0.08
Mechanic, Repairers	0.44	0.40	003	0.41	—
Electrician, Electric fitter etc.	1.79	2.23	<b>2.1</b> 5	1.54	1.48
Others	49.52	49.68	39.92	29.24	43.47

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