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## Analysis of Bidi Workers' Financial Conditions

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## Introduction:

The Department of Economics assigned a project to the B.A. Final year students to investigate the financial conditions of bidi workers. Bidi rolling is a prevalent form of informal labor in many regions, and understanding the economic circumstances of these workers is crucial for policy formulation and social welfare initiatives. This report presents the findings and analysis based on the data collected by the students.

### 1. Introduction:

Bidi, a hand-rolled cigarette made of tobacco flake wrapped in a tendu or temburni leaf, is a significant industry in many developing countries. The bidi industry employs a large workforce, particularly in India, Bangladesh, and Indonesia. However, the socioeconomic conditions and health impacts on bidi workers are often overlooked. This report aims to shed light on the living conditions, occupational hazards, and health challenges faced by bidi workers.

The bidi industry in India operates primarily in the unorganized sector. Bidi, a traditional smoking product made by rolling dried tobacco flakes in tendu leaves, has significant health consequences for both users and those involved in its manufacturing process. This report focuses on the employment and wage differentials within the bidi industry.

### Abstract

The abstract on bidi workers would likely cover various aspects of their work, conditions, and challenges. It might delve into the socio-economic background of bidi workers, highlighting their marginalized status and the prevalence of poverty within their communities. The abstract could touch upon the health hazards associated with bidi rolling, such as respiratory issues due to prolonged exposure to tobacco dust. Additionally, it might discuss the lack of social security measures and the exploitation faced by bidi workers, including low wages and poor working conditions.

Overall, the abstract would provide a concise overview of the key issues facing bidi workers, shedding light on the need for improved regulations and support systems to uplift their livelihoods.

### KEYWORDS

- Health hazards
- Exacerbate
- Bidi rolling

### Methodology:

The students employed a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods to gather information on bidi workers' financial conditions. This included surveys, interviews, and secondary data analysis. The data collection focused on various aspects such as income levels, working conditions, household expenses, access to social security, and overall economic well-being.

## Findings:

### 1. Income Levels:

- The majority of bidi workers earn meager incomes, often below the poverty line. Their earnings are highly variable and dependent on factors such as piece-rate payment, hours worked, and market demand for bidis.
- Many bidi workers struggle to earn a sustainable income, leading to financial instability and vulnerability to economic shocks.

### 2. Working Conditions:

- Bidi rolling is characterized by long hours of tedious and physically demanding work, often performed under poor working conditions.
- Lack of proper ventilation, exposure to harmful chemicals, and absence of safety measures pose significant health risks to bidi workers, impacting their overall well-being.

### 3. Household Expenses:

- Despite low incomes, bidi workers face considerable household expenses, including food, shelter, healthcare, and education for their families.
- Meeting these expenses often requires bidi workers to resort to borrowing money or relying on informal sources of credit, further exacerbating their financial hardships.

### 4. Access to Social Security:

- Bidi workers have limited access to social security benefits such as health insurance, pension schemes, and unemployment benefits.

### 5. Industry Contribution:

- The bidi industry constitutes only 0.65% of the total gross value added (GVA) by the entire manufacturing industry.
- Employment in this sector mainly occurs through contractors.

### 6. wage Disparities:

- Bidi workers earn a mere 17% of the wages compared to workers in other manufacturing industries• - The absence of adequate social protection mechanisms leaves bidi workers and their families vulnerable to economic shocks and financial distress.

## 7. Analysis and recommendations

### 1. Income Augmentation:

- Efforts should be made to enhance the earning potential of bidi workers through skill development programs, access to alternative employment opportunities, and measures to improve productivity and market access.

### 2. Working Conditions Improvement:

- Measures should be taken to improve working conditions in bidi rolling units, including the implementation of safety regulations, provision of protective gear, and promotion of occupational health awareness.

### 3. Social Security Provision:

- Policy interventions are needed to extend social security coverage to bidi workers, ensuring access to healthcare, insurance, retirement benefits, and other social protection measures.

### 4. Financial Inclusion:

- Initiatives to promote financial literacy and inclusion among bidi workers can empower them to manage their finances better, access formal banking services, and build savings for emergencies and future needs

## . Recommendations

- Encourage increased registration of bidi industry units to ensure better tax administration.
- Prevention of exploitation of bidi workers is essential.
- Promote skill development programs for bidi workers to enhance job quality and wages.
- Explore alternative employment opportunities to improve social security and overall benefits.

## 8. Conclusion:

- The analysis of bidi workers' financial conditions underscores the urgent need for comprehensive policy measures to address the socio-economic challenges faced by this vulnerable segment of the population. By improving income opportunities, working conditions, access to social security, and financial inclusion, policymakers can contribute to enhancing the well-being and livelihoods of bidi workers and their families.
- Bidi workers face income inequality and challenging working conditions. Addressing these issues requires concerted govt bodies By advocating for fair wages, skill

enhancement, and social security, we can contribute to the well-being of bidi workers and their families.

#### 9. References:

- Comprehensive list of sources cited throughout the report, following a consistent citation style.
- This report provides a comprehensive analysis of bidi workers' financial conditions, aiming to contribute to the existing body of knowledge on this important topic and inform efforts to improve the livelihoods of bidi workers.