

XI.A.3. Resources in a Village Context - Impact of Industrialization

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A village is defined as a unit of habitation capable of meeting its needs from within its own precincts, from its own resources. The habitants of a village are those expected to spend their livelihood by effective utilization of the village resources. The structure of the village undergoes a change when the pattern of their (resource) utilization undergoes a change or when the availability of the village resources becomes cryptic-either by their own volition or by factors beyond their control. Such changes could be both positive as well as negative. However when a village faces an organized entity which is beyond the institutional control of the village-such as a large factory with access and control over resources, people and polity, it becomes a mute witness to the changes happening and the villagers facing changes in their own life styles and as a result their dependence on the village. This paper discusses some of these issues.