

Neighborhood Relations of the Telugu Speaking Immigrants of Rural Western Orissa

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ABSTRACT The paper is a study of neighbourhood relations of a group of Telugu speaking immigrants in rural Western Orissa. Following the construction of Hirakud Dam Irrigation Project in the year 1964, a large number of agriculturalists from East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh migrated to Attabira Block of Bargarh district (Orissa) in order to avail the various facilities provided under the project. With the passage of time, these immigrants erected a large number of settlements in this region for their dwelling purpose. Even today most of these immigrants remain within their ethnic enclave with a very little contact with the members of the host society. A neighbourliness index has been used to examine the nature of neighbourhood relations among the sample respondents. In order to verify some hypotheses, the degree of neighbourliness has been cross tabulated against a few selected socio-economic variables.