



Women in the Unorganized Sector of India

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New Century Publications, New Delhi, 2010. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. First. 14 cms. 208pp. According to the final report of the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS) released in April 2009, workers in the unorganized (or informal) sector constitute more than 93 percent of the total workforce of India. Unorganized sector workers are those who do not have any job security, income security or social security and are therefore extremely vulnerable to exogenous shocks. The problems of women workers in general and in the unorganised sector in particular deserve special emphasis and focus in view of their marginalised position within the class of workers. Even when women are not employed in the sense of contributing to the national output, a considerable share of their time is consumed by socially productive and reproductive labour. This is what is called the double burden of work that distinguishes women from men. A number of national and international studies have documented the sex-typing of jobs and occupations by women. Sexual division of labour has implications for the wages earned, permanency in the job and the possibilities for upward mobility in the industry. The overall picture that emerges is one of greater...



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