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NAME:	Jaswant Singh	AGE:	58 Years	
HOUSE No:	C5B-84		SEX:	Male

The worker's perspective

Jaswant Singh works in a glass and plywood shop (Oriental Glass & Plywood Co.) on Desh Bandhu Gupta Road. He is an unskilled worker and helps with loading/unloading works. At present, commuting to work is very convenient for him only 5 minutes walk and its a full-time permanent job. He is happy with this job but not with the place he lives in which he feels is unsafe and unhygienic. He wants to move to a new area, which he knows will definitely affect his business, because he will be travelling a longer distance to work.

History of migration and occupation

Jaswant Singh arrived in Delhi 30 years ago (1969 when he was 28) from Uttar Pradesh after having an argument with his father. On arrival in Delhi he first lived in Andha Mughal where he worked as a vegetable seller. Later, he moved to Chuna Mandi where he worked for a company hiring out marquees. He got both jobs through a relative in Delhi and in both instances lived in a rented room.

History of education and skill development

Jaswant Singh studied up to standard 5 before moving to Delhi and has not acquired any knowledge or skills since arriving in Delhi. (See comments under Amit.)

History of family and their migration, occupation and education

Jaswant Singh came to Delhi alone and got married in Motia Khan through an arranged marriage. His wife is from Ludhiana (Punjab). Whilst Jaswant is at work she looks after their home and children. They have a son and a daughter - both living with them. The son, aged 15 years (1984), works in a poster shop in Sadar. He got this job through one of his friends who works in the same shop and also lives in Motia Khan. He did not receive any education because Jaswant could not afford to send him to school at the time. Their daughter, aged 8 years (1991), goes to school in Aram Bagh. She is in standard 3.

The previous report stated that they have 2 daughters and a son. The elder daughter is married so her name is being omitted from this questionnaire.

Pre-migration contact with the city

One of Jaswant Singh's uncles was living in Delhi when he migrated.

Experience of adaptation in the city

While working for the marquee company, Jaswant got to know about Motia Khan and moved in 1981. At the time most land in Motia Khan was lying vacant, so he built his house (jhuggi) where he thought appropriate and did not have to pay anyone for the land. One of his main reasons for moving to Motia Khan was that he could no longer afford to pay the rent for his previous room. Having said this Motia Khan is not as clean or safe as the other areas he has lived in in Delhi.

After moving to Motia Khan, he found this present job in one of the shops on Desh Bandhu Gupta Road. He got this job through one of his relatives. With this present

job, he earns enough to meet his and his family's needs and even manages to save a little money every day.

Traditional links

He visits his parents in Uttar Pradesh once a year and also keep in touch with his inlaws in Ludhiana.

NAME:	Kallu	AGE:	55 Years	
HOUSE No:	C5B-146		SEX:	Male

The worker's perspective

Kallu is a *madari* (street performer playing tricks with tamed monkeys). Although he can work anywhere in Delhi with his performing monkey's he prefers to work in nearby residential areas and public places such as India Gate and Appu Ghar (an amusement park). Although Kallu wants to move out of Motia Khan because it's unhygienic he does not want to move very far from Motia Khan because it will be difficult for him to carry his monkeys around in the bus.

History of migration and occupation

Kallu arrived in Delhi 30-40 years ago with his parents and other madari families. On arrival he lived in jhuggi's in Navi Karim and a number of other areas (i.e New Delhi Railway Station, Gautam Nagar, Panchquin Road and Cycle Market) in Delhi before moving to Motia Khan in 1980. He inherited his skills of performing monkey shows from his father/grandfather.

History of education and skill development

Kallu did not gain any formal education but since childhood has been trained as a *madari*.

History of family and their migration, occupation and education

Kallu was a bachelor on arrival in Delhi and got married in Motia Khan through an arranged marriage. His wife is from Lucknow looks after the house and their family. They have six children – 3 sons and 3 daughters – all living with them. The sons, aged 5,8 and 10 (in standards 1,3 and 5 respectively) go to the Primary School in Motia Khan JJC. Their daughters, aged 1 and a half, 3 and 4 are not at school yet.

Kallu is also training his sons to follow in his tradition. He argues that he cannot afford his children's higher education, which they would need to get a good job.

Pre-migration contact with the city

Kallu did not have any contact in Delhi before moving but travels with a community of Madaris.

Experience of adaptation in the city

When Kallu's family (along with other families who came to Delhi with them) were living in Cycle Market, and the DDA forced them to vacate that area. The majority moved to Motia Khan which was nearby. Each family built their own jhuggy on vacant land. As the land did not cost them anything the only expense they incurred was on building materials for their houses. Kallu is currently earning enough money to meet his needs, but does not save much. The earlier locations he lived in were safer and cleaner than Motia Khan.

Traditional links

Kallu came to Delhi to earn a living. He visits his village once a year.

NAME:	Kailash Devi
HOUSE No:	C5B-339

AGE:	45 Years	
	SEX:	Female

The worker's perspective

Kailash Devi works as a housemaid for five households in the nearby residential areas. She has no problem commuting to work because all the households she is working for are in walking distance. It does not take her more than 20 minutes to reach a house (she is working for) from her jhuggi. She wants to move away from this site because she feels unsafe and the area is unhygienic. Moving to a new area would not really affect her work because, she says, she can find new households wherever they are relocated.

History of migration and occupation

Kailash Devi was born and brought up in Delhi. Before moving to Motia Khan, she lived in rented accommodation in Sultan Puri and then Mangol Puri. Her and her husband moved to Motia Khan about 20 years ago (1979).

This is her first job though she works for five separate families. Earlier her husband used to support the family as a casual laborer, but he now suffers from Tuberculosis so stays at home.

<u>History of education and skill development</u> Kailash Devi has never been to school. (See comments under Amit)

History of family and their migration, occupation and education

Kailash Devi lives with her husband and a daughter who goes to school in Aram Bagh. Their daughter was born in Motia Khan. They also had a son who died in the fire of 1990. He was born when they were living in Mangol Puri.

Pre-migration contact with the city

Not applicable.

Experience of adaptation in the city

They moved to Motia Khan with the help of a friend as they could no longer afford to rent their previous jhuggi. After a few years her husband fell ill and since then she has been the only earning member of the family. With her present job, they just about manage to meet their needs but they cannot save any money. The earlier locations they lived in were a lot safer and cleaner than Motia Khan.

Traditional links

They keep in touch with their parents and other families (in their relation) in Delhi.

NAME:	Lal Chand	AGE:	30 Years	
HOUSE No:	C5B-476		SEX:	Male

The worker's perspective

Lal Chand works as a salesman in a *bidi* (a lower grade cigarette) company (called Telephone Bidi) in Sadar Bazar. He supplies *bidis* to the commercial establishments in and around Motia Khan JJC. He also works on publicity campaigns for the same company. It takes him 20-25 minutes to commute to work that is very convenient. He is happy with this job, but feels unsafe and frustrated with the unhygienic conditions in Motia Khan. He wants to move to a new area, preferably Rohini or Papankalan, which he knows will definitely affect his business, as he will be travelling a longer distance to work, but at least he'll be living in a cleaner environment.

History of migration and occupation

Lal Chand was 6 years old when his mother brought him to Delhi in 1975. His father had already moved to Delhi a couple of years earlier. On arrival they lived in a jhuggi in Steel Market but in 1981 were forced off the land by the DDA and moved to Motia Khan. Lal Chand has a younger brother (now 18 years old) who was born in Motia Khanwho is handicapped. Lal Chand's mother is now separated, but lives in Motia Khan. Lal Chand's got his current and only job since arriving in Delhi through his father who also works for the same company.

History of education and skill development

Before arriving in Delhi, Lal Chand studied up to 2nd standard. After arriving in Delih he completed his primary education.

History of family and their migration, occupation and education Nothing to add

<u>Pre-migration contact with the city</u> Nothing to add

Experience of adaptation in the city

When Lal Chand and his family were forced off Steel Market and moved to Motia Khan they moved onto land which did not have to pay for. Lal Chand currently earns enough money to meet his needs.

History of voluntary roles

When Lal Chand's and his family lived in Steel Market his father was the pradhan (president) of approximately 350 jhuggis, today in Motia Khan he is the pradhan (president) of a local organisation within the cluster.

Traditional links

Lal Chand's family came to this city to earn a living. The family visits their village in Rajasthan once a year.

NAME:	Mehboob	AGE: 32 Years	
HOUSE No:	C5B-483	SEX:	Male

The worker's perspective

Mehboob works as a salesman for a matchbox factory. He complains about the Motia Khan area being dirty, but says he will move if everyone else does. He didn't answer the question on the effect on his business if they move out of Motia Khan.

History of migration and occupation

Mehboob was born in Delhi. Before moving to Motia Khan in 1992, he lived in a rented house in Navi Karim

<u>History of education and skill development</u> Mehboob never went to school. (See comments under Amit)

<u>History of family and their migration, occupation and education</u> Mehboob is married with 3 daughters and 4 sons – all living with him. His wife is also from Delhi and looks after the house and their family.

<u>Pre-migration contact with the city</u> Not applicable.

Experience of adaptation in the city

One of Mehboob's brothers was already living in Motia Khan before he moved there in 1992. One of the main reasons why he moved to Motia Khan to live in a jhuggi was that he could no longer afford to pay the rent in his previous house in Navi Karim. With his current job, he just about manages to meet his family's needs. The living environment in Navi Karim was safer and cleaner than is Motia Khan.

Traditional links

They keep in touch with their parents in Delhi.

NAME:	Aarti	AGE:	32 years	
HOUSE No:	C5B-326		SEX:	Female

The worker's perspective

Aarti runs a shop at home with her husband. She did not say much about the area, but says if everyone moves, she and her family will also move. It won't really affect her business, she says, because they can open a shop wherever they end up living.

History of migration and occupation

Aarti, along with her husband and a son, came to Delhi from Calcutta 14 years ago (1985),and have always lived in Motia Khan. One of her husband's friends then living in Motia Khan, helped them get a jhuggi in the slum. Her husband used to work in a light factory in Karol Bagh but since last Diwali has been out of work and now helps to run the family shop.

History of education and skill development None. (See my comments under Amit.)

History of family and their migration, occupation and education

When the family arrived in Delhi in 1985 they had a 3 years old son but he later died. Today Aarti and her husband have a daughter and son. Their daughter was born in Calcutta (wife went back to Calcutta for delivery) and son in Motia Khan. The daughter, aged 9 years goes to school in Aram Bagh. She is studying in standard 4, their son is 2 years old.

Pre-migration contact with the city

When they arrived in Motia Khan one of Aarti's husband's friends living in Motia Khan gave them his own jhuggi free and built another one for himself.

Experience of adaptation in the city With the present job, they just about manage to meet their family's needs.

Traditional links

Aarti came to Delhi to earn a living. Once a year when her daughter is on school holiday she visits her family in Calcutta.

NAME: Titu HOUSE No: 117

AGE: 51 Years SEX: Male

The worker's perspective

Titu is a blacksmith, he finds scrap metal from Lal Kuan (in Old Delhi) and makes small household objects like bowls which he sells as finished products back to Lal Kuan which is about 25-30 minutes walk from Motia Khan. He works from home and is happy with his job but frustrated with poor conditions on site (i.e no infrastructure and unhygienic surroundings). Although he wants to move to a new area to get better facilities and a cleaner environment he would not want to move too far from Motia Khan because it would affect his business.

History of migration and occupation

Titu came to Delhi 35 years ago from Alwar with his father. On arrival they lived in a rented house in Naraina where he started working at 15 as an apprentice blacksmith in a factory. In 1980, they moved to Motia Khan.

<u>History of education and skill development</u> Nil. (See comments under Amit)

<u>History of family and their migration, occupation and education</u> Titu came to Delhi with his father. He got married in Delhi and has 3 daughters who live with him.

<u>Pre-migration contact with the city</u> One of Titu's uncles was already living in Delhi before they arrived.

Experience of adaptation in the city

Titu and his father did not know anyone in Motia Khan before moving. One of the main reasons for moving to Motia Khan was that they could no longer afford to rent the house they were living in near Lal Kuan. Secondly, Motia Khan was closer to the city centre than Lal Kuan. The earlier location they lived in was a lot safer and cleaner than is Motia Khan.

Traditional links

Titu moved to Delhi to earn a living. He does not go home to Alwar his village anymore.

NAME:	Om Prakash Yadav	AGE:	45 Years	
HOUSE No:	B-1		SEX:	Male

The worker's perspective

Om Prakash Yadav runs a shop at home. He was not concerned with the prospect of moving from Motia Khan though would prefer to stay because he would have problems finding a new job on a new site.

History of migration and occupation

Om Prakash Yadav came to Delhi alone in 1982 from Allahabad. On arrival he lived on Joshi Road with his brother who came to Delhi 5 years earlier. Om Prakash got a job as a milk supplier through his brother who worked for the same firm. Their employer gave them a free room to live in at work. Later he bought a tea-shop in Motia Khan for Rs 300 and now lives in Motia Khan.

History of education and skill development

Om Prakash Yadav went to school until standard 8 before moving to Delhi.

History of family and their migration, occupation and education

Om Prakash came to Delhi as a bachelor and went back to Uttar Pradesh to have an arranged marriage. They have 3 daughters and a son who all live with them. The two elder daughters, aged 7 and 11 go to school in Aram Bagh. They are in standard 3 and 5 respectively. Their son is 5 years old and is in standard 1 at the same school. Their youngest daughter is only a year old. All their children were born in Motia Khan.

Pre-migration contact with the city

Om Prakash Yadav's brother who was already living in Delhi before he arrived helped him find accommodation and a job.

Experience of adaptation in the city

While working as a milkman, Om Prakash Yadav bought a shop in Motia Khan through his brother. He then built a jhuggi on free land adjacent to the shop in Motia Khan where he now lives. With his current job, he earns enough to meet his family's needs. But cannot save anything. The earlier location he lived in was a lot safer and cleaner than Motia Khan.

History of voluntary roles

Om Prakash Yadav is the Block President Congress Sewa Dal Adhyaksh - Manak Pura.

Traditional links

Om Prakash Yadav came to Delhi to earn a living. He rarely visits Allahabad now as his three brothers all now live in Delhi, two in Motia Khan and one in the Trans Yamuna area.

NAME: Amit HOUSE No: C5B-330 AGE: 25 Years SEX: Male

The worker's perspective

Amit works as a salesman for a matchbox factory. He is happy with the job but not with the place he lives, as he feels unsafe and it is unhygienic. He wants to move to a new area, which he knows will definitely affect his business, as he will be travelling a longer distance to work.

History of migration and occupation

Amit was born in Delhi. He came to Motia Khan 5 years ago. He has worked with the same factory since starting work. He found this job through a friend. Amit has always lived in a rented house in Delhi.

History of education and skill development None.

History of family and their migration, occupation and education

Amit is married with 2 daughters who are all living with him. Both the daughters were born in Motia Khan. The elder one, aged 5 years, goes to Aram Bagh school and is in standard 1. The younger one is only 3 years old.

<u>Pre-migration contact with the city</u> Not applicable.

Experience of adaptation in the city

Before moving to Motia Khan, Amit lived with his wife in rented house in Sultan Puri. However with increased rents they were forced to move to Motia Khan. With his current job, he earns enough to meet his family's needs but can not save. The earlier locations he lived in were a lot safer and cleaner than Motia Khan.

Traditional links

He visits his parents who live in Delhi regularly.