

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, RESEARCH ASSISTANT AND FIELD INVESTIGATOR FOR AN ICSSR-SPONSORED PROJECT ON THE SUGAR COOPERATIVE INDUSTRY IN MAHARASHTRA

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, invites applications for the following posts for the project titled “**An analysis on the shift in ownership and its implications on the Sugar Cooperative Industry of Maharashtra**”. The project has been sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

A brief about the study

The study intends to assess the impact of the shift from the cooperative sector to the private sector on the key stakeholders and the causal factors around it. The research explores and extrapolates the multi-faceted nature of this shift. Initially, to understand and estimate the reasons and impact of the gradual shift from cooperatives to the private sector in the sugar industry. To analyse the social and economic impact on the primary stakeholders of the sugar industry (farmers, labourers, sugar factories and sugar barons) and the price regulatory system of the sugar industry. And finally, to evaluate the changes in the social and political capital associated with the decline of the sugar cooperatives.

The proposed study would be based on primary as well as secondary sources of data. For its primary sources, the study will depend on the a) administered questionnaire and b) semi-structured interviews with the stakeholders. The structured questionnaire will be administered primarily to the farmers who are/were closely associated with cooperative sugar factories in different districts of the state. Expert sampling would be adopted to understand the nuances of the impact on the people. This sample would essentially constitute directors of sugar factories, members of cooperatives, political leaders, civil servants and political commentators. The study would be largely ethnographic in nature. The secondary data would consist of data sources from Govt of India, Govt of Maharashtra, Sugar Commissionerate (Pune), Agriculture department, Vasant Dada Sugar Institute, Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (Lucknow), legislative assembly debates, ISMA, WISMA, Sakhar Sangh, proceedings of Commissions and other Publicly available data.

Location – Maharashtra

S.No.	Position	Educational Qualification	Emoluments (Rs. Per month)
1.	Research Associate	A postgraduate in Economics or related disciplines with a minimum of 50 % marks or M.Phil/PhD/ NET/ SLET with 1-2 years' experience	20,000/- for 8 to 12 months
2.	Research Assistant	Postgraduate in Economics or related disciplines with a minimum of 50 % marks	16,000/- for 6 to 8 months
3.	Field Investigator	Postgraduate in Economics or related disciplines with a minimum of 50 % marks	15,000/- for 3 to 4 months

(All expenses during fieldwork - travel, accommodation, living costs, recording device and stationery would be borne through the project expenses)

Responsibilities of the Research Associate/Assistant

- Carry out the literature review and situational analysis related to the subject
- Facilitate, assist and execute the development of Research methodology and research tools
- Conduct data collection, data management and Data analysis
- Documentation of daily processes and Report writing
- Carry out extensive travel across the state whenever required

Other desirable criteria for Research Associate, Research Assistant and Field Investigator

- An understanding of the thematic discipline of political economy
- Fluent in English and Marathi (spoken and written)
- Previous experience of fieldwork would be preferred

How to apply

Interested candidates may email their CV along with a covering letter to thomas92allen@gmail.com by the 1th of August 2022.

Project Leader

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