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#### A STUDY OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OCCUPATION OF THE WARKARIES (PILGRIMS) AND THEIR EXPENDITURE ON WARI (YATRA) IN PANDHARPUR

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Abstract:-The Pandharpur is a famous for faivourite deity Lord Vitthala. Lakhs of warkaries (Pilgrims) from Maharashtras Various regions arrive in Pandharpur on the occasions of Ashadhi , Kartiki , Maghi and Chitriwaries (Pilgrimage). The warkariescomming to Pandharpur during the wari (Pilgrimage) period for VitthalasDarshan make purchase of commdities like kum-kum , Prasad , Agarbatties , Pooja articles , Religious books , Musical instruments , Portraits of Lord Vitthala , Tulshimalaits called waricommodities. Thesewari commodities purchased by the warkaries.

 $\textbf{Keywords:} wark aries\,, Musical\,instruments\,, classification\,of\,wark aries.$ 

#### INTRODUCTION

The warkaries expenditures on these commodities near about 23.53 % out of their total expenditure on wari. As well as the warkaries expend their money on travel ( 40.94 % ) , Stay ( 12.14 % ) , Food ( 17.25 % ) , and Miscellaneous expenditure(6.12 %). This wari expenditure is associate with their income , Education as well as their occupation. Present study focus on the relationship between occupation of the warkaries and their expenditure on wari

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:**

- $1) To \ identify \ the \ occupation \ of \ the \ wark arises \ who \ came \ to \ Pandharpur.$
- 2)To study the region wise classification of warkaries.
- 3) To study the occupation wise expenditure on wari.
- 4)To indentify the relationship between occupation and average expenditure of warkaries on wari.

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

The present study required the data of both Primary and Secondary nature.

1)Primary Data: Primary data has been collected by conducting survey of the warkaries who came to Pandharpur from various regions of Maharashtra. 500 warkaries sampled for study who came to Ashadhi Wari in Pandharpur.

2) Secondary Data: Secondary data collected from published sources books on Pandharpur andwari

#### ${\bf Occupation-wise\ classification\ of\ warkaries\ in\ Maharashtra:}$

The warkaries coming to wari at Pandharpur from the different regions of Maharashtra is classified occupation – wise and region – wise. The 500 sampled warkaries have been devided in to 6 revenue regions of the state of Maharashtra and there after the sampled warkaries classified according to their occupations in to four catagariese.s. farming, Labour, Trade and service. This is being done to obtain an idea of the economic status of the

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warkaries and the expenditure being incurred by them on the wari; and also find out the relationship between the expenditure and the occupation of the warkaries.

Occupation of a person also considerable influences his spending habits. The warkaries coming to Pandharpur for waries are no exception. In the Table 1 below the classification of the warkaries according to their occupations is being presented.

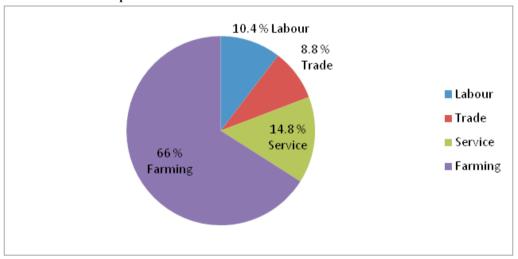
Table 1
Occupation – wise classification of Maharashtrianwarkaries.

	Occupations.							
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Sr. No.	Regions	Farming	Labour	Trade	Service	Total		
1	Konkan	27	05	09	25	66		
		(40.90)	(7.50)	(13.63)	(37.87)	(100)		
2	North Maharashtra	57	05	10	06	78		
		(73.07)	(06.41)	(12.82)	(7.69)	(100)		
3	Western	50	07	03	12	72		
		(69.44)	(9.72)	(4.16)	(16.66)	(100)		
4	Marathwada	102	09	13	12	136		
		(75.00)	(6.61)	(9.55)	(8.82)	(100)		
5	Amarawati	52	18	01	13	84		
		(61.90)	(21.42)	(1.19)	(15.47)	(100)		
6	Nagpur	42	08	08	06	64		
		(65.62)	(12.50)	(12.50)	(9.38)	(100)		
	Total	330	52	44	74	500		
		(66.00)	(10.40)	(8.80)	(14.80)	(100)		

Note: Fingures in brackets are percentage to row total.

It is seen from Table 1 above that out of 500 (100%) Maharashtrianwarkaries visiting to Pansharpur on occusion of Ashadhiwari , 330 (66%) warkaries are farmers by occupation , 74(14.80%) are employed , 52 (10.4%) are Labourers and 44 (8.80%) are traders. It means that majority (76.40%) of the warkaries coming to Pandharpur for the wari are farmers and agricultural labourers and the proportion of the traders and employees among them is much less. It thus reflects on the devotional inclinations of the labouring classes.

Graph 1 (Table 1)
Occupation – wise classification of Maharashtrianwarkaries.



The regional distribution of the warkaries shows that the highest percentage (  $75\,\%$  ) of the farmers hail from the Marathwada region , followed in a descending order , by  $73.07\,\%$  from North Maharashtra region , and  $69\,\%$  from western Maharashtra region , meaning that farming is the main economic activity of the warkaries in these three

regions.

In the konkan region, 40.90% are farmers, 37.87% warkaries are Service – holders and 13.63% warkaries are engaged in trade and sef – employment. Also the percentage of Serviceholderwarkaries is comparatively higher at 16.66% Western Maharashtra region and 15.47% in Amarawati region.

The percentage of the employed - class warkaries is highest in konkan region and lowest in North Maharashtra region. Like wise the percentage of trade / Self- employed warkaries is highest in konkan region and lowest in Amaravati region.

It is seen that the geographical and educational situations in the region have influenced the occupational and income – wise distribution of the warkaries. It was intended to explore whether the occupations of the warkaries have any bearing on the quantum of their wari expenditure. Accordingly Table 2 below presents the details regarding the warkaries occupation-wise wari expenditure.

Table 2
Occupation-wise Average Expenditure on wari

	Occupations.						
Sr. No.	Region wise warkariesExpendirure	Farming	Labour	Trade	Service	Total	
	(Rs)						
1	Konkan	27	05	09	25	66	
	Average Expenditure	807.22	990.00	1111.11	957.80	919.54	
2	North Maharashtra	57	05	10	06	78	
	Average Expenditure	955.17	966.00	848.50	783.33	928.84	
3	Western Maharashtra	50	07	03	12	72	
	Average Expenditure	606.50	580.00	868.33	809.16	648.26	
4	Marathwada	102	09	13	12	136	
	Average Expenditure	769.65	680.55	653.84	919.16	765.88	
5	Amarawati	52	18	01	13	84	
	Average Expenditure	1056.73	787.22	950.00	1869.66	1123.33	
6	Nagpur	42	08	08	06	64	
	Average Expenditure	1486.54	1137.50	1712.50	1466.66	1469.29	
	Total	330	52	44	74	500	
	Average Expenditure	916.50	831.44	1005.45	1114.66	944.74	

It is seen from Table 2 that out of 500 warkaries 330 (66%) warkaries are engaged in farming and their average expenditure on the wari is Rs. 916.50 per head. The number of labour warkaries is 52 (10.40%) and their average expenditure on the wari is Rs. 831.44 per head. The number of the warkariesengaged in trade / self-employment is 44 (8.80%) and their average expenditure on the wari is Rs. 1005.45 per head. The number of the employed class warkaries is 74 (14.80%) and their average expenditure on the wari is Rs. 1114.66 per head. As such, it is evident that the service – holder warkaries incur the highest expenditure on the wari, followed by the farmer warkaries and lastly, by the labour warkaries.

It is thus clear that the occupations of the warkaries are reflected in their wari expenditure. Although the employed and self employedwarkaries incur the first and second ranking expenditure on the wari, their number in the total number of warkaries is much less; while although the farmarwarkaries incur only the third ranking expenditure on the wari (because their annual average household incomes are less than the former two occupations), their number in the total number of warkaries is much large. This is an overall general observation regarding the warkaries.

#### $Rank\ of\ occupations\ and\ Average\ wari Expenditure:$

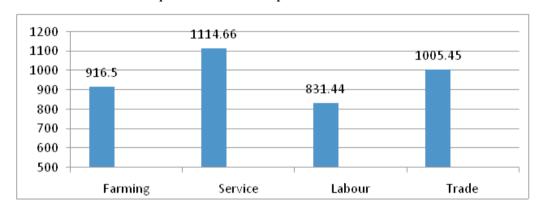
Now in order to obtain a better idea of the warkaries occupations and their average wariexpenditure, Table – 3 below presents the ranking of occupations (based on the number of warkaries belonging to) and their average wari expenditure.

Table 3
Ranking of warkarie according to occupations and Average Wari Expenditure

Sr.No.	Occupations	Rank according to No. of warkaries	Average Wari Expenditure (Rs.)	Rank according to Wari Expenditure.
1	Farming	1	916.50	3
2	Service	2	1114.66	1
3	Labourer	3	831.44	4
4	Trade / Self employment	4	1005.45	2

It is observed from table 3 above that the highest number of warkaries are farmers, but their average wari expenditure is at third rank, the number of warkaries in the service occupation rank second, but their wari expenditure ranks first, numerically, Labour warkaries rank third but their wari expenditure rank Fourth; and lastly, the number of Trade / Self employed warkaries rank fourth and their wari expenditure ranks second.

Graph 2 ( Table 3 ) Occupations andWari Expenditure of warkaries



#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

- 1)Out of total warkaries , about  $66.00\,\%$  (2/3) warkaries were farmers ,  $10.40\,\%$  were agricultural labourers ,  $8.80\,\%$  were small businessmen or self employed and  $14.80\,\%$  were servicemen. It is thus clear that the majority of the warkaries from Maharashtra having farming as their main occupation.
- 2) Higher percentage of the warkaries has farming as their occupation, but their expenditure on wari is seen tobe low (at rank 3) because their economic status is weak.
- 3)The employed class warkaries are seen to incure more expenditure on the waricompare to other warkariecategaries.
- 4) Trade and self employedwarkaries in cure rank second in wari expenditure.
- 5) The labourere Category Warkaries expenditure on wari is very low (rank forth) compare to other three catagorie of warkaries.

It is seen clear that the occupation of the warkarie are reflacted in their wari expenditure.

#### **REFERANCES:**

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