

Summary Transcription of Interview

Mr. Kailash Thakur

President, Rajkumar Mill Employees Credit Co-operative Society

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Place of Interview- His office, Rajkumar Mill Credit Cooperative Society.

Duration of Interview-

Every Mill in Indore formed employees co-operative societies for making available cheap credit, cloth and grain at reasonable rates. This was initiated to make workers free from the clutches of money lenders' highly exploitative rate of interest. These were called *Pedhis*. Although mills closed down, the *pedhis* continued their operations.

Even today, *pedhis* of these three mills, i.e. Malwa, Swadeshi and Rajkumar are working. Kailash Thakur was a worker and a union leader in Rajkumar Mill. He tells details of how the *pedhis* was formed, how it functioned then and how it functions now. The facilities offered to the *pedhi* members are commendable.