

**SOCHINDRA MANDAL
PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Age : 27 Years
Place of Birth : Kalaripartty, Bihar
Present Residence : Badrpur, Delhi
Educational Qualification : 2nd Standard
Vocational Training : None
Marital Status : Married
Children : None
Present Occupation : Polishing of Steel

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1. MIGRATION PATTERN:

BECAUSE OF TENSIONS IN THE FAMILY SOCHINDRA MIGRATED WITH HIS WIFE TO DELHI TO MAKE A LIVING ON HIS OWN.

2. PROLETARIANISATION:

SINCE SOCHINDRA'S FAMILY WAS A JOINT FAMILY WITH VERY LITTLE LAND, HE BECAME AN AGRICULTURAL WAGE LABOURER IN HIS VILLAGE AND LATER ON COME TO DELHI TO WORK.

3. POLITICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE;

SOCHINDRA'S POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT AS FAR AS LABOUR POLITICS IS CONCERNED IS ALMOST NIL. BUT HE HAS BEEN SUPPORTING A LOCAL M.L.A AND TRIES TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS SO AS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC FACILITIES IN HIS COLONY.

4. WORK EXPERIENCE:

WHILE HE WAS IN VILLAGE AND WORKING AS AN AGRICULTURAL WAGE LABOURER HIS EARNING WAS VERY MEAGRE BUT NOW HE IS WORKING IN A FACTORY WHERE HE HAS TO POLISH STEEL AND EARNING AROUND Rs. 3200/- PER MONTH.

SOCHINDRA MANDAL A SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Sochindar Mandal's family is a classic example of landless family of rural India where each of the members has to shoulder their own responsibility. Sochindar could never go to school after the first standard; he started helping his parents and brothers who were working as agricultural wage labourers. All his childhood memories were confined to the paddy fields like other children of agriculture labourers. He did not have fond memories to share with us, except for the poverty and hardships his family had to face in off seasons when there was no work to be done in the fields. Many a times they had to sleep without food or survive on a single meal a day.

Sochindar also started working as an agricultural labourer at an early age to contribute to his family income. But when he got married, he decided to come to Delhi, so that he could provide a decent living to his wife and to bail out his heavily indebted family. In Delhi there was no one to help him in getting a job that would fetch him more money. He started working as a daily wage labourer in small units, but he never got a permanent job. At times he was rendered jobless only after working for a month or two and he had to look for work again. He attributes his lack of vocational training and at the same time increased unemployment after the industrial closure.

However his wife is literate, she often tried to save money from his meagre income with which they bought a plot and are staying in makeshift jhuggis. She also wants to contribute to family income by working, but Sochindar discourages her and does not provide any help in this matter. She is not happy with this because their income is hardly enough for survival and to pay back the family debt. But Sochindar is a self-contented man; he tries to be happy even in difficult times. His wife feels that he is very gentle and innocent, of which others take advantage and at times they use him for their own benefits. But she doesn't seem to be right in her opinion; Sochindar along with his friends is opposing few people who are demanding more money for fixing electricity meters in their houses.

Now Sochindar is working as a polisher in a utensils unit for Rs.1600-Rs.1700/- per month. His wife manages most of his household very efficiently with the little money he earns. She doesn't feel bad for the fact that Sochindar never took her for outings, because she can understand his position and consoles herself with whatever she is getting. Right now she desperately wants someone to help her to get a job so that she can supplement the household income. They don't have a child at present, but, nevertheless, she is worried about the future of her child. As of today, Sochindar has no grand future plans except for getting a permanent job which will provide him with enough money to take care of all his needs and he thinks that only then will he have time to think of his future.