

## **Problems among the Primitive Tribal Groups of Bihar**

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### **Abstract**

*The conditions of Primitive Tribal groups now known as PVTG (Particular Venerable Tribal Group) in Bihar are pathetic. They are living in the dearth of all basic amenities. Their health and education problem is very thinkable. In this paper, attempt has been made to deal with problems of health & education of the PTGs in Bihar, particularly of the Sauria Paharia and Mal Paharia of Bhagalpur & Banka district respectively.*

**Key Words:** Primitive Tribes, PTG of Bihar, Health and Education issues among PTGs

### **Introduction**

After the formation of Jharkhand in 2000, Bihar is having very small number of tribal population under its state boundary. Most of the tribe and tribal people remained in the part of the Jharkhand. According to 2001 census, only 9,026 primitive tribal people remain in Bihar. However, in Bihar too, the number of Primitive Tribal Groups which is also called as vulnerable groups are eight and same as in Jharkhand. These eight vulnerable groups of Bihar are the Asur, Birhor, Korwa, Birjia, Sauria Paharia, Mal Paharia, Parahaiya and Sabar. Traditionally these vulnerable groups always remain in a special ecological zone such as in hilly areas, near the hill, in forest, apart from civilized society and near the forest etc. But now, due to deforestation & urbanization their ecological structure has been changed. Today they do not collect their food and fire wood from the forest. Now they also lives near the civilized society and treat their patient with doctor in government hospital and avoid there traditional hocuspocus. The vulnerable tribes are mainly inhabited in Bhagalpur, Banka, Madhepura, Supoul, Katihar, Kishanganj, Araria, Purnia, Nawada, Gaya & Bhabhua district of Bihar. The Mal Paharia has the largest in population among all vulnerable tribes.

Sauria Paharia has found only in Bhagalpur district of Bihar. Subsistence of Mal Paharia & Sauria Paharia is based on labouring, animal husbandry and liquor selling. Sauria Paharia lives in very critical situation in respect of Mal Paharia, although the situation of Mal Paharia is also not good. Their health and education problem is very thinkable. Korwa and Birhor still collect plants, roots, tuber etc. of medicinal values which they sell in the market and earn money by which they survive. The Parahaiya of Gaya collects honey from the jungle and sells it in the market for their survival of life. Lack of employment and

resources, lack of awareness in relation to health and rampant drinking habits in addition to the superstitious beliefs have made the life complex of these vulnerable groups. Research Area:- Bhagalpur district is situated in far east direction of Bihar state and stand as junction station on Kiul-Sahebganj rail section. By road it is well connected with NH-80 whether Banka district is situated in far south-east of Bihar state. The eastern and southern boarder of the Banka district coincides with district "Godda" of the state Jharkhand. In west and north east it touches 'Jamui' and 'Munger' district of Bihar respectively. Banka is well connected with rail and road both from Bhagalpur district. Research Methodology:- In this research sampling has been done which is purposive sampling. All data and information has been collected from personal interview and observation. Location, Population & Household Details:- Sauria Paharia has found in Kahalgaon and Pirpainty block of Bhagalpur district. Kahalgaon block is situated at a distance of 60 kms and Pirpainty block is situated at a distance of 90 kms. In the east direction of Bhagalpur district town. In Kahalgaon block Sauria Paharia lives in Kutubpur, Ramjanipur (both belongs to Ramjanipur panchayat), Chandipur (Oriup panchayat) and in Makaspur village which is in Shyampur panchayat.

In Pirpainty block they lives in village Mazrohi which is in Olapur panchayat, Jagdishpur Paharia Tola in Maheshram panchayat, Harinkol Paharia Tola in Harinkol panchayat and in Bargama village in Parsbanna panchayat. Total No. of Sauria Paharia's household in Kahalgaon block is 479 and their total population is 2,546 in which male are 1,292 and female are 1,254. In Pirpainty block total number of Sauria Paharia's household is 230 and their total population is 1,053 in which males are 543 and females are 510. Altogether total population of vulnerable tribes in Bhagalpur district is 3,599 and their household is 709 in which males are 1,835 and females are 1,764. Banka district covers Mal Paharia tribe as PTG. Mal Paharia lives in Teliakura, Nabhigadha and Santhali Bisanpur village (all are in Sanga panchayat) and also in Marsa village of Kudro panchayat of Baunsi block which is situated at a distance of 30 kms in south direction of Bhagalpur district and 18 kms. far in north direction from Banka district town. Total No. of household of Mal Paharia is 69 and their population is 309 in which 167 are male and 142 are female.