INDUSTRIALIZATION AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH HAZARDS: A CASE STUDY ON HALDIA, WEST BENGAL

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ABSTRACT:
Industrialization is considered as precondition for development. As an indispensable part of human environment, it makes the wave on which mankind is moving from a naturally dependent past to a self-made future. There is no controversy about the importance of industrialization as the main path of economic growth for developing countries. Since unemployment in developing countries is of a very high order, workers are prepared to accept any job, irrespective of the dangers involved. Industrialization process started in Haldia in the year 1959 with an aim from the part of the government to establish a subsidiary port of Calcutta. Haldia, an obscure rural pasture oblique by the traditional agriculture and fishery became an urban expansion with the aid of industrialization. Rise of pollution level and occupational health hazards are highly correlated with the expansion of industries and Haldia is not an exception of this general phenomenon. Adequate preventive measures and continuous monitoring should be done by the concerned authorities to control occupational health hazards in Haldia.

KEY WORDS: Health Hazards, Industrialization, Occupation, Urbanization.

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