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Bonded Labour Issues in Western Odisha: A Practitioner's View

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Odisha is considered as key state to supply migrant labourers and its share is 2.5 million. Around 1.1 million people migrate from Western Odisha and of these, 33.4% workers migrate to work in brick kilns in the states like Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. Historically, the western part of Odisha is considered as drought prone with every alternative year this region encounters drought like situation resulting into mass circular migration of agriculture worker, small farmers and landless poor people in lean seasons. Informal sectors like Brick Kiln & Construction Industries dominate the destination workplaces dominated by unskilled, casual labour devoid of social protection, forced labour, recruitment through informal channels, and highly exploitative terms of engagement several of which end up in bondage.

This session tries to explore the different industries where migration is happening, actors involved in labour supply chain to destination states, what things are leading to bondage and a small initiative taken by Tata Trust to streamline the labour recruitment.

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