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ABSTRACT

On 25th May 2001 under the Department of Energy, Government of Chhattisgarh, CREDA - Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency, has been constituted for generating electricity through Renewable Energy sources and implementation of various schemes of Energy production, security and Energy Conservation activities. Chhattisgarh State has 27 administrative Districts divided into 146 blocks. Chhattisgarh state is well known as power hub, providing electricity 24x7, as it is a surplus power producer and also exports power to other State. As per Economic Survey, 2012, the level of electrification through conventional and non-conventional sources stands around 97% in Chhattisgarh. CREDA has electrified remote villages and Hamlets- scattered population in dense forest, through non conventional sources.810 villages have been electrified by the end of 2015.My study is regarding the socio-economic benefits derived by that population who have been electrified by CREDA.A random sample of 100 people were given the quesnnaire based on various aspects for collection of primary data. Such data has been analysed to justify the socio-economic benefits. It was found that the impact of electrification is less significant on health issues. It is recommended that the post electrification maintenance of devices must be implemented on regular basis. Further the Govt. must focus to create awareness regarding non-conventional energy production, energy security and conservation activities.

KEYWORDS

CREDA, socio-economic benefits, solar energy, village electrification.

INTRODUCTION

the term socio-economic can be widely used with variable meanings and approaches. Basically if economics is used in society for the sake of its development then such study can be identified as socio economic analysis. Further the socio-economic analysis can also mean the impact of certain changes brought about which may or may not significantly contribute to the society. Such change aims to development of the society by upliftment of living standard of specific region, establishment of equality and free from discrimination etc. In general, such changes are related to technology.

Electrification is one of the most important technical changes which can be addressed as a milestone towards development. In some country the basis of growth is analysed by calculating the units of energy consumed. Thus, the expansion of electricity services and electrification are vital to both the economic and social development of India. Electrification in rural and remote areas would reduce isolation through telecoms and other road and transport services with street lights. Further, it will help to increase the productivity of agriculture and other occupations. Electrification can also contribute at large towards health and medical facilities. At last but not least, Education can prosper well in electrified areas.

Sources of energy are one of the prime requirements of the world to generate energy. The Chhattisgarh State of India has taken a wide step to establish the consumption of renewable sources of energy in rural as well as urban areas by establishment of CREDA- Chhattisgarh Renewable Energy development Agency. This organisation was established in the year 2001 under the Ministry of Energy when the Chhattisgarh state was carved out of Madhya Pradesh. Since its establishment, CREDA did extensive work in the field of Renewable Energy focusing on rural areas and stand alone devices. It has implemented projects in the field of power generation from renewable energy and environment friendly sources. The basic sources of finance for its regular operation are the grants from State Govt., Central Govt and some recovery from beneficiaries. In concern to the growth and development of such prime sector, it is very important to analyse the financial strength of the organisation to increase its efficiency and sustainability. In the same context, The Income –expenditure A/c and the Balance Sheet of CREDA, for the year 2002 to 2011, has been collected for the purpose analysis through formulae based technique.

IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

Since CREDA is a State designated organisation for implementation of the renewable sources of energy, thus the organisation is working with contribution of Government of India, Government of Chhattisgarh and a small contribution of beneficiaries. Therefore, it is very important to justify the contributions in respect of the population of remote area for their socio economic benefits.

OBJECTIVES

My objective of this research work is to analyse weather electrification in remote areas and other power generation activities of CREDA has a positive impact on various aspects of social and economic changes in the life of remote area population.

HYPOTHESES

The hypotheses of my research work is simply stated as "CREDA immensely contributes in socio- economic development of the state through its various services."

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Systematically solving a research problem is known as Research methodology. In other words, all those methods which are used by the researcher during the course of studying his research problem are termed as research methods.

In case of my research on the topic "ANALYSIS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF ELECTRIFICATION THROUGH CREDA IN CHHATTISGARH STATE", it would be defined as "Analytical research", where I would be using the facts, figures and information's collected through sample survey, and analyse them to make a critical

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evaluation of the material. My research methodology is totally based upon **primary data** Collection and analysis. The classified data has been represented in tabulated forms followed by respective graphs. The comparisons would be presented in forms of graphical presentations and diagrams. The sequence of analysis is presented as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH FIELD

To analyse the socio-economic benefit to the society, from the rural electrification programme of Chhattisgarh Government, through CREDA, I had conducted a field work, with a questionnaire in **four** villages namely, **Arsiya**, **Morga**, **Korbi** and **Jatga** of **Poundi Uproda** block (sub-district code:03273) taking a total sample size of **N=100**.

In the Korba district of Chhattisgarh State, Poundi Uproda is the biggest block with **205** villages. Many villages in this block are in remote and forest areas. The rural electrification programme of Chhattisgarh Government through CREDA did extensive and much significant work in the villages for electrification. The nearby towns/cities of Poundi Uproda are Kartala, Katghora, Korba and Pali.

ARISIYA

In Poundi Uproda tehsil of Korba district in Chhattisgarh, **Arisiya** village is a gram panchayat. 1315.18 hectares is the total geographical area of the village. It is situated at 109Km away from district head quarter, Korba and about 65 Km from sub-district headquater of Poundi Uproda. There are about 256 houses in the village and it is approximately 73 km away from the nearest town Katghora. The total population of the village is 974 which includes 515 males and 459 females. Public and Private bus services are available for transportation. Railway station is within 10 Km distance.

MORGA

In Poundi Uproda tehsil of Korba district in Chhattisgarh, **Morga** village is a gram panchayat. 2160.73 hectares is the total geographical area of the village. It is situated at 95Km away from district head quarter, Korba and about 53Km from sub-district headquarter of Poundi Uproda. There are about 396 houses in the village and it is approximately 65km away from the nearest town Katghora. The total population of the village is 1,771 which includes 914 males and 857females. Public and Private bus services are available for transportation. Railway station is within 10 Km distance.

KORBI

In Poundi Uproda tehsil of Korba district in Chhattisgarh, **Korbi** village is a gram panchayat.1046.56 hectares is the total geographical area of the village. It is situated at 74Km away from district head quarter, Korba and about 43Km from sub-district headquarter of Poundi Uproda.There are about 319 houses in the village and it is approximately 43km away from the nearest town Katghora. The total population of the village is 1,302 which includes 660 males and 642females. Public and Private bus services are available for transportation. Railway station is within 10 Km distance.

JATGA

In Poundi Uproda tehsil of Korba district in Chhattisgarh, **Jatga** village is a gram panchayat. 4360.42 hectares is the total geographical area of the village. It is situated at 70Km away from district head quarter, Korba and about 50Km from sub-district headquarter of Poundi Uproda. There are about 676 houses in the village and it is approximately 38km away from the nearest town Katghora. The total population of the village is 2946 which includes 1506 males and 1440 females. Public and Private bus services are available for transportation. Railway station is within 10 Km distance.

COLLECTION AND TABULATION OF DATA FOR ANALYSIS

Primary Data has been collected on the basis of a questionnaire and further classified and tabulated for analysis. In the above mentioned four villages of Poundi Uproda Block, I have selected 25 families from each village and filled the Questionnaire to collect the data.

The following grounds were taken into consideration to reach the conclusion are-

1. IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

In this ground the socio benefits have been analysed regarding the impact of electrification the performance of the school going children. The aim is find out whether there is any improvement in their results or not. Due to electrification are the children attracted towards school?

2. IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON HEALTH FACILITY OF THE REGION

In this ground, the motive of study is to find out the impact of electrification on the health facilities of the village. Whether the health centres are giving their services at night time also? Is there any new and advanced medical equipment installed after electrification? Whether the dependency of the villagers on urban areas has reduced after electrification or not?

3. IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON LIVING STANDARD

In this ground the impact of electrification is observed on the overall living standard of the natives. In today's world using electrical devices in day to day life is most common event. Moreover, use of such equipments is not considered as luxuries but some have become mandatory for safe and comfortable life. My study is regarding the actual condition of the villagers, whether they are able to update themselves with electronic technologies or not? At least they are able to connect themselves with the world, by using mobile phones or not?

4. CHANGE IN TOTAL INCOME OF THE PERSON BEFORE AND AFTER ELECTRIFICATION

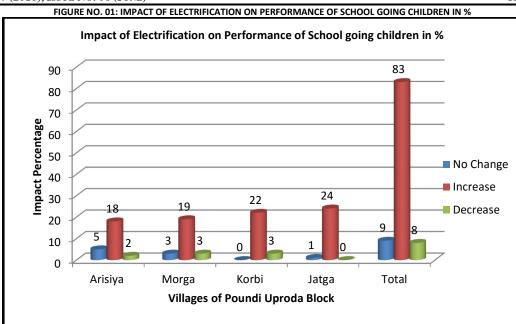
In terms of economic benefits, it is important to calculate the change in total income of the families after electrification. The income can be classified as the main source, which is mostly Agriculture and the other sources. It is expected that most of the income from other sources such as grocery shop, tailoring and others must have boosted up with electricity.

IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

Name of villages (No. of Samples)	No Change	+ve(increased)	-ve(decreased)
Arisiya (25)	5	18	2
Morga (25)	3	19	3
Korbi (25)	Nil	22	3
Jatga (25)	1	24	Nil
Total	9	83	8
Result	83% of sample have positive impact of Electrification on Performance of School going children		

TABLE NO. 01: IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

The observation of the classified and tabulated data resulted that out of 100 families in four villages of Poundi Uproda Block 83% families accept that there is a positive change in performance of school going children. The reason behind this is the ability to study even in late evenings.



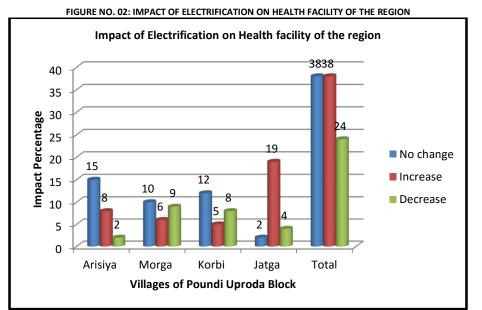
Further 8% reported there is negative impact of electrification because children are more indulge in watching television and playing games till late evening.9% of sample also reported that the change in performance of school going children after electrification is insignificant. Such as few children are never interested in education and few children are studious irrespective of electrification.

IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON HEALTH FACILITY OF THE REGION

TABLE NO. 02: IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON HEALTH FACILITY OF THE REGION

Name of villages					
Name of Villages	No Change +ve(increased)		-ve(decreased)		
Arisiya (25)	15	8	2		
Morga (25)	10	6	9		
Korbi (25)	12	5	8		
Jatga (25)	2	19	4		
Total	38	38	24		
Result	Less significant positive change in health facility of the region				

Health issues are considered as one of the primary factor in which the Government is concerned about. The small health centers have been facilitated even in remote rural areas. In the sample survey the results obtained were not significantly positive. Here positivity means the view was taken from the sample that, if facility of hospital is available for day and night or as required, specially delivery cases or not? Secondly, whether there is increase in availability of no. of medical equipments after electrification or not?



Well, in total of 100 samples 38% believes for no change in medical and health facilities took place after electrification and till date they have to depend on the Govt. hospitals of nearby cities and towns. Especially the samples from Arisiya reported this.

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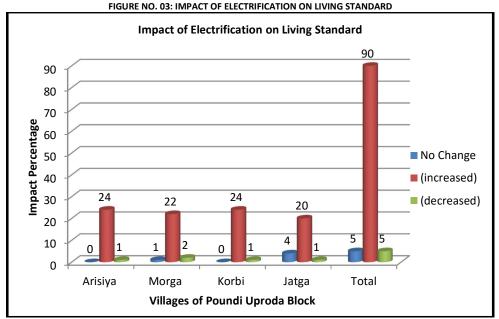
Out of 100 samples survey 38% also reported that definitely the health and medical facilities have improved after electrification. In some health centers 24*7 facilities are available, few pathological laboratories and diagnostic centers are also working. The village Jatga is reported to have most positive impact on health issues after electrification.

24% of total sample also reported that the medical facilities have decreased but the reason stated by them was not concerned to electrification.

IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON LIVING STANDARD

Desire, Need, want and Demand is the basic psychology of human life. Improvement in living standards refers to the living style with minimum needs to comforts to luxuries. Now my study is regarding the fact that whether electrification brought about changes in living standard of people or not.

TABLE NO. 03: IMPACT OF ELECTRIFICATION ON LIVING STANDARD				
Name of villages	No Change	+ve(increased)	-ve(decreased)	
Arisiya (25)	Nil	24	1	
Morga (25)	1	22	2	
Korbi (25)	Nil	24	1	
Jatga (25)	4	20	1	
Total	5	90	5	
Result	90% of sample have positive Impact of Electrification on			



In total 90% of sample agree that there is a positive change in living standard after electrification. Such people are using mobile phones television fans and other small electronic instruments which gives comfort to life and also enjoyment of luxuries.

Only 5% of total agrees for no change in living standard and 5% reports negative change in living standard. For both the above opinion proper justification is not stated in respect to electrification.

CHANGE IN TOTAL INCOME OF THE PERSON BEFORE AND AFTER ELECTRIFICATION

The statistical tools have been applied on the data collected regarding change in income after electrification.

TABLE NO. 04: STATISTICS OF INCOME BEFORE AND AFTER ELECTRIFICATION				
IBE	IAE			
100	100			
0	0			
44.97	50.68			
1.035	1.178			
10.35	11.78			
107.0	138.7			
46.00	57.00			
22.00	30.00			
68.00	87.00			
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TABLE NO. 04: STATISTI	CS OF INCOME BEFORE AND A	FTER ELECTRIFICATION

IBE – Income before Electrification; IAE – Income after Electrification

Interpretation: The above descriptive statistics conclude that the average income has significantly increased after electrification but the statistics of variance explains that the consistency of income after electrification is less than the consistency in income before electrification.

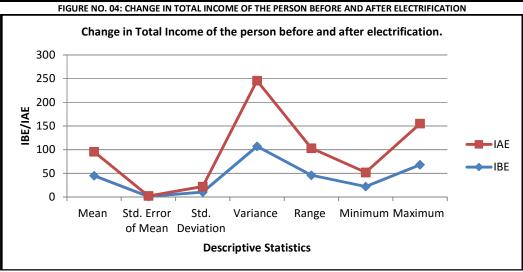


TABLE NO. 05: T-TEST						
Paired sample	t	df	р	Mean Difference	SE Difference	Cohen's d
IBE-IAE	-9.213	99	<.001	-5.710	0.620	0.921

Interpretation

Since the computed value of t is less than the tabulated value of t (1.99), thus we conclude that the change in income is significant,

Correlation, r = +0.851

Interpretation:

r represents, High degree positive correlation, which signifies that the change in income is positive irrespective of electrification.

CONCLUSION

- From the above statistical analysis, the following result is concluded:
- There is a positive impact of electrification observed in the performance of school going children in their examination results.
- But the impact of electrification on health facilities is less significant and till date these villagers are dependent on the Govt. Hospitals of Urban areas for better treatment.
- After electrification of a remote village of Chhattisgarh State, the total income of the people has significantly increased, where the total income include the
 income from main sources and also the other sources. Thus, rural electrification can be a prime factor for socio-economic benefit to remote rural villages.
- Lastly, the overall impact on living standard of the villagers is much significant with increase in total income. People are using electronic devices like mobile, steam press television etc. whereby being connected to the entire world, their living standards of life is uplifted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is strongly recommended that the post services of this organisation must be strongly implemented so that the remote villagers do not suffer due to lack of
 repair and maintenance.
- Secondly, The Government of Chhattisgarh State must appoint authorities who will be responsible for continuous survey in such areas so that the prime
 issues related to electrification can be taken care of, such as health facilities.
- Continuous awareness programmes must be organized to create awareness related to clean and green energy.
- More subsidies should be given in the financial plans of Government to attract the people for implementation.

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