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Examiner's Report on the PhD thesis of Mr Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary entitled- "An Analytical Study of small scale industries in the district of Katihar- Problems and Prospects".

The Detailed Report

The main purpose of the submitted thesis is to understand the growth and problems encountered by Small Scale Industries in Katihar district, Bihar and thereby to suggest such measures that would resolve the problems.

The whole thesis is divided into seven chapters.

The first chapters deals with the introduction of small scale industries.

The second chapter deals with the literature review. The third chapter deals with an overview of small scale industries in India. The four chapter deals with the general profile of SSI units operational in the study area.

The fifth chapter deals with analysis of the problems and prospects of SSI units. The sixth chapter deals with the government policies and its impact on small scale industries and the seventh chapter deals with the summary of findings, conclusions and suggestions based on the assessment.

Overall the topic of the thesis is current and relevant in the context of up to date research. The thesis is written and organised very carefully and neatly. There are no typing errors within the text that is written in clear and concise manner without any major shortcomings. Aims and methods are clearly described, author represents the idea and knowledge with sufficient theoretical background. Methods of research are appropriate to the aims and hypothesis formulated in the thesis. The aims were fulfilled. The thesis definitely informative and presentation of findings are alright and argumentation good. All things considered, the thesis makes a contribution to the existing stock of knowledge in concerned area.

In my opinion the thesis by Mr Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary fullfills all the conditions for obtaining academic degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D). Therefore, I recommend that the candidate be awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy (Ph.D) in Faculty of commerce.

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Detailed Report

I have meticulously gone through the Ph.D. thesis entitled "*An Analytical Study of Small-Scale Industries in the District of Katihar-Problems and Prospects*" submitted by Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Ishtiaque Ahmed (University Professor, Department of Commerce, Purnea College, Purnea University, Purnia) for the award of Ph.D. degree of Purnea University, Purnia(Bihar) in Commerce.

The thesis comprises of 7 chapters and 266 printed pages including bibliography. The candidate has discussed the conceptual framework of the topic in detail. The candidate has also discussed the present status and growth of small-scale industries in Katihar district, level of contribution of these units in providing employment and income opportunities, problems of small-scale industries related to finance, marketing, personnel etc. in the study area in a clear and understandable manner.

The candidate has analyzed the applied framework of the topic in detail. The candidate has also discussed and analyzed the impact of government and state policies towards the development of SSI units in the region, the problems and prospects of the SSI units in the Katihar district and suitable measures for the development of SSI units in the region of study. The researcher has not only used analytical tables for analysis of the collected data but has also applied relevant statistical and financial analysis tools for testing the hypothesis. The candidate has gone through the available literature on the subject and has ability of presentation of the facts gathered for conclusion. The suggestions put forth in this regard are suitable. But the bibliography still could have been richer and more adequate. All in the entire thesis appears appropriate for the award of Ph.D. degree. The supervisor also deserves absolute commendation for his able guidance.

I, therefore, recommend that the award of Ph.D. degree in Commerce to Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary provided the candidate is able to defend his thesis successfully, at the stage of Viva-Voice examination.

Date: 10/10/2023

Place: Varanasi

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Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation Report

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Degree:- D. Phil.
Faculty:- Faculty of Commerce and Management
Name of the Candidate:- Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary

- i. This thesis is a piece of research work characterized by sighting of fresh approach towards the interpretation of facts.
- ii. The methodology used demonstrates the candidate's capacity for critical examination and judgment.
- iii. The literary illustration of the thesis is suitable and satisfactory.

I hereby recommend the acceptance of this thesis for the award of D. Phil. degree.

Date: 20/09/2023

Arun Kumar
Examiner's Signature

Thesis Report

"An Analytical Study of Small-Scale Industries In the District of Katihar-Problems and Prospects"

Submitted by: Sanjeev Kumar Choudhary

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. (Dr.) Ishtiaque Ahmed

- 1. Relevance of the topic:** Small-Scale Industries (SSIs) are essential contributors to local economies, providing employment, fostering entrepreneurship, and supporting economic growth. Understanding the challenges and prospects for SSIs in Katihar District, Bihar, is of paramount importance to ensure sustainable economic development of the area.
- 2. Research Methodology:** The study employs an analytical scheme, combining primary and secondary data. Primary data is collected through surveys and interviews, and secondary data is gathered from existing sources. Statistical analysis, particularly SPSS, is utilized to draw relationships between variables.
- 3. Hypotheses:** The research objectives cover examining the status and growth of SSIs in Katihar, their contribution to employment, financial aspects, and prospects. These objectives are well aligned with the hypothesis of the study deriving relationships to guide strategies to address unemployment, underemployment, and promote innovation and entrepreneurship in Katihar's Small-Scale Industry sector, impacting local economic development significantly.
- 4. Planning and Analysis:** Chapters 3 to 6 provide a comprehensive overview of Katihar's micro-business sector, bridging the national and local context. A thorough examination of the literature and data gathering provided the framework for analysis. Study exemplifies how government policies can be used to guide practical insights into the opportunities and problems facing micro-businesses in Katihar, ultimately fostering their expansion and sustainability.

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5. **Findings and Conclusion:** The study emphasizes the necessity for extensive training programs to tackle human resource challenges in the context of SSI. It spotlights the untapped potential of agriculture and horticulture in Katihar as a promising avenue for SSIs. Furthermore, it stresses the influential role of government policies in shaping the SSI sector's future by promoting a conducive regulatory environment.

In conclusion, the research underscores the vital role of SSIs in the local economy and charts a path for their sustainable growth, notwithstanding the obstacles confronted.

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