

## **Sustainable Development for Backward Rural Areas: The Nalkantha Region of Gujarat, India**

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**ABSTRACT** Sustainable development may be defined as improving the quality of human life which is at present below the subsistence level. The sustainability and self-sufficient are not a recent concept. Before 1950s by and large villages were self-sufficient, but now many are backward, that is below self-sufficiency. To attain self-sufficiency in villages, there should be generation of employment both in farm and non-farm activities. In the present study an attempt has been made to analyse the problems of sustainability of a backward region-Nalkantha of Gujarat.