

Ecological and Socio-economic profile of Three Kondh Villages of Phulbani District of Orissa, India

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ABSTRACT An empirical study on the *Kondhs* of Phulbani district of Orissa, India was made by selecting three typical *Kondh* villages - Rajikakhola, Nediguda and Badruguda – during 1994-96. Population of these villages varied between 79 to 95. Socio-economic structure of these villages revealed a poor status of the tribals. Ecological parameters including resource base of these villages were described. Difficulties encountered in improving the financial condition of these tribals were also analysed. Suggestions for improvement of these village ecosystems were made.