



## Identification of Destination Regions of Male Out-migration in West Bengal

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**ABSTRACT** West Bengal has a long history of out-migration even though it is rarely highlighted, and this is largely due to a predominance of short distance inter-district migration as compared to the long distance types. However, short distance migrations do reveal important regional characteristics often ignored by migration analysts. Secondly, it is equally important to note the important changes taking place in the regional pattern in out-migration in a state which reflects changing socio-economic realities in different regions of the state in recent times. West *Rarh* Plateau Fringe and North Bengal plain in the state have been traditionally mobility source regions whereas southern part of South Bengal plain and East *Rarh* plains are the main destination for the out-migrants. Using data available in successive census counts, this paper unravels the pattern of changes in destination of male out-migrants in the state.