

From: FAROKH

Re: Thurs. 17th meeting.

15/5/84

Dear Lisa,

This meeting was prompted partially by reading your piece on qualitative research in Habitat journal and also to update you on my progress. Primarily I would like to discuss how to integrate the qualitative material I have, into my thesis. To date I have been leaning more on the quantitative analysis; quantities & costing of technologies, input-output tables with technical coefficients linking the different sub-sectors of the building sector and a cost-benefit framework to assess each technology and material industry type. While such analysis are essential to quantitatively demonstrate my argument for favouring one set of technologies and industries over another, it naturally cannot convey the 'view from the brick-pit' or alternatively the 'policy-makers' seat' from which the social and institutional aspects of the study should perhaps emerge.

I enclose some very rough, typed up notes from the field; samples of the type of qualitative material I have, just to give you a sense of some of the issues I may want to introduce. Please forgive these notes being so rough, but to have typed fair copies would have further delayed our meeting. You may want to scan them.

Thanks,

Farokh

"Govt. sends us long, detailed proformas on which we are asked to provide basic data about the area. We are given neither the resources, training nor time to collect the information nor to understand how to fill it in. So we just fill up using the data of the ~~previous~~ Previous year with some additions and subtractions. The information they get is all wrong and yet its on this information that they plan. I see you are getting the information yourself so you can do a good plan."

Saghir, Union council secretary. Markaz Malka Mans.

"Anything the government puts under its control, the prices go up. When the government made local magistrates responsible for selling cement at Rs. 65/- we ordinary people could only get it at Rs 100/- Those who had approach with the magistrate would get it in large quantities at Rs. 65/- from the magistrate, ~~give-hi~~ sell it ~~for~~ for Rs. 100/- and pay the magistrate Rs 10/- per bag. If I go to the magistrate for a few bags for my house he looks at me and my ~~h~~ clothes and says "who are you. Get out." Now cement is on the open market and only rs. 2 or 3 above the control rate. "

Mistree Mohd. Ali, mason.