

The Rural Cycle of Agriculture & Construction

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The crop seasons closely affect the construction industry.

1. ~~Dec to March~~ Dec to March is a crop slack season when the wheat is growing. During this time people construct their houses. 2) Land-owners offer their trees to saw-mill owners ~~who are eager to buy~~ beco's they need the money since the harvest hasn't come in. 3) saw-mill owners are eager to buy beco's customers are plentiful for their beams & battens. 4) Brick-moulders & ~~car~~-sirkee mat makers are busy making their products since they have no work on the lands to do & their " are in demand. 5) ^{the kilns have their 'keetie kaars' *} Even the small kilns are running at their most economic since ~~this~~ ^{partic} ~~early~~ ^{is} the early part of this season their main inputs rice-husky ^{or cotton waste} is available ^{cheap} having been harvested the months before (Oct-Dec).

2. April - May - July: Wheat is harvested & rice sown. "The independent thepers disappear into agricultural labourers, sometimes moving away from their homes to live on the lands they are working (ex Ariff). 2) The 'keetie kaars' leave to work on the lands ^{or even their own} bonded kiln the pairs may try to abscond since they can make much more harvesting & sowing for the land-owner. 3) The roadside sirkee mat maker also packs up his residence & workshop to join the agricultural labour force. 4) The saw-mill owner goes thru a slump ^{since} demand for his products - at least beams & battens ^{to sell} for services - at least ^{both} cutting wood for beams & battens for their houses & willingness to sell of their suppliers - tree owners - slumps.

* 5) The kilns have as many thepairs as they need. In addition to their regular 'in resident' loan bonded workers they get the 'keetie kaars' who offer to work for 2-3 months without asking ^{or needing} for loans since alternative work is scarce.

This is also the hot hot season & when harvest & sowing stops absorbing activity away from construction endeavours, the heat ~~the~~ puts a damper on this activity.

Aug - sept - is a crop slack season - just maintaining the rice & cotton growing ~~the~~ & climate begins to cool slightly. It is also after the rains. Thus ~~some~~ construction activity picks up some, 1) tree owners again need to augment their income & become sellers, 2) the rains have spurred post-rain house-maintenance & a major repairs at most - a roof has collapsed & it's a good time to put in the new battens & beams & sirkee mat to replace those that were insect ridden anyway, thus 3) saw-mill owners sales pick up & 4) ~~the~~ ^{ladder} thapers are busy making bricks as are sirkee mat makers supplying their products.

But their isn't the time to engage in major construction beco's ~~of~~ the cotton & rice harvest & wheat sowing following again steal labor till early Dec.

It is in ^{late} Nov - early Dec. on that a ~~four month~~ ~~spell of~~ 4 elements provide the perfect bldg. season 1) cool & dry weather 2) No competing demands on construction ^{& markets in d.} labour or the transporters of constr. mater, donkeys bays & carts people, tractor trailers, trucks 3) plentiful supply of mater. inputs - wood, ~~bricks~~ for kilns, ^{& battens} beams, rice husk & cotton waste for small kilns, 4) And an sufficiently long period to undertake major production (of mater) & construction Dec - April (4-5 mths.)

Thus 2 ^{industries/sects} ~~activities~~ constitute the activities cycle of the rural areas - the leading sector is agriculture ~~and~~ providing

incomes & employment during harvest & growing seasons -
 6 months of the year followed by ^{a the} periods of construction
~~months~~ ~~when the agricultural starts~~
~~for~~ ~~when~~ ^{when of} maintaining crop growth ^{of such} needs both
 the # reqd. on the land & the amount of time
 demanded of those who stay on the land - ~~leaving~~
 (agric. unemployment - underemployment) which sends
~~the latter into~~ ~~constructing or maintaining~~ ~~releasing~~
~~those with~~ while the previous harvest earnings
 provide the ^{agric} ~~unemployment - underemployment being rife~~
 which provides time ~~for~~ ~~constructing~~ ~~working in~~ ~~construction~~
~~or~~ ~~money~~ ~~(from the previous harvests earnings)~~ to
 spur both work in construction & its related
 industries & finance for construction.

I have been thinking about you a lot lately
 and wondering how you are getting on
 I hope you are well and happy
 I have been busy with work lately
 but I will try to write to you more often
 I love you and miss you very much
 Give my love to your family
 I will be home soon
 I hope you are all well
 I will be home soon
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