

Position Title: Research Assistant, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

Project: Growth Dynamics and Regional Transformation Potential of Small Towns: 40 Years' Development Saga of Dhampur, India,

Duration: 3 Months (To start immediately)

Reports to: Dr. Pushpa Pathak, Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR

About the Small Town Study:

The main objective of the proposed 40-year longitudinal study is to understand the changing growth dynamics and regional inter-dependence of Dhampur Town in Bijnor District, Uttar Pradesh, within the context of the current theoretical and policy debates on the role of small towns in employment generation and regional transformation in India.

Dr. Pushpa Pathak's Doctoral thesis titled 'Industrial Linkages and Regional Development: A Case Study of a Small Town, Dhampur (U.P., India)', Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1984, will provide the earlier database. The repeat study of industrial linkages in terms of sectoral and regional flows of input-output, labour and capital of industries located in Dhampur will be completed in 2024. Dhampur has a large sugar mill that is expected to have strong positive impact on the economy of the sugar cane producing rural hinterland. For this reason, two villages within the vicinity of Dhampur will also be studied again to assess the impact of backward industrial linkages.

Major Responsibilities:

- Secondary data collection and analysis.
- Literature survey.
- Field visit to the selected town and villages for primary data collection.
- Mapping of spatial urban-economic growth patterns.

Required Qualifications and Skills:

- Bachelor's Degree in any Social Science subject or Architecture and Master's in Geography, Sociology, Economics, Public Policy, Urban/Regional Planning, or any other relevant social science disciplines with interest in urban issues.
- Proficient in MS Office, Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Familiarity with GIS and other mapping tools.
- Interest in field-based research, and preferably qualitative coding
- Excellent data analysis and writing skills

Additional Requirements:

The selected candidate should have their own laptop.

Application Procedure and Remuneration:

- Please submit your CV and cover letter in pdf format to Dr. Pushpa Pathak, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research (pushpa@cprindia.org) Dr. Shamindra Nath Roy, Associate Fellow, CPR (shamindra@cprindia.org)
- Please indicate in the subject line the position you are applying for.
- Be available for an interview at a short notice.
- Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications, skills and experience.

Last date of the application:

- 26th December 2023.