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To or Not to Migrate with Family: Dilemmas of Migrant Workers

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Abstract:

Inter-State Migrant Workers (ISMW) face various economic and legal challenges when migrating to another city or state within the country. First phase of Covid-19 witnessed forced reverse migration, which could be regarded as a real eye-opener to enumerate hardships faced by ISMW. Post Covid-19 in 2022, when situation started being normal many reverse migrants stayed back in their home state, whereas few re-migrated to either same previous place or another city. Many a times, their decision to migrate with or without family has certain implications which impacts the upbringing of the second generation of ISMW especially in relation to their right to education. This case study focuses on both scenarios (migration with family and migration without family) and deciphers the factors which leads to migration with or without family. The authors attempt to apply theories of migration to understand the factors which lead ISMW to decide to migrate with or without family. This would be in reference to analysing the rights of second generation of ISMW. Attempt also is to infer the role of stakeholder(/s) who could effectively play a role in being instruments of change as far as the second generation of migrant workers' right to education are concerned.

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