

**RAM BHAVAN
PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Age : 43 Years
Place of Birth : Kharilabad, (U.P.)
Present Residence : Hari Nagar, Delhi
Educational Qualification : 5th Standard
Vocational Training : None
Marital Status : Married
Children : Three
Present Occupation : Utensil Polishing

1. MIGGRATIQN PATTERN:

RAM BHAVAN MIGRATED PERMANENTLY TO DELHLBECAUSE OF POOR ECONOMIC BACKGROUND, THE YEAR 1992 ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY.

2. PROLETARIAN1SATION:

DUE TO DECREPIT ECONOMIC BACKGROUND HE STARTED WORKING AS A DAILY WAGE WORKER FROM 1990 IN KHARILABAD. SINCE HE WAS NOT WELL EDUCATED, HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ENTER THE LABOUR MARKET.

3. POLITICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE: NONE.

4. WORK EXPERIENCE:

AFETR COMING TO DELHI HE STARTED WORKING AS A HELPER IN A PRIVATE COMPANY AND DURING THAT PERIOD ACQUIRED GOOD AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE IN BUFFING AND POLISHING. IN 1993 HE ESTABLISHED HIS OWN BUFFING AND POLISHING UNIT. SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN RUNNING HIS OWN UNIT, EARNING A MONTHLY INCOME OF RS.5000/-

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A SHORT BIOGRAPHY**

“Gam khushi to hamesha hamare pas rehta hai. Chahe gam bhi ho ya khushi bhi ho to hum hamesha ek hi jaise rahte hain. Shaam ko dam pee lena, raat mein so gaye, sabare uthe to dhandhe mein lag gaye.” (Good and bad times are always with us. Be H happiness or sadness we always remain the same; evening is the time for alcohol, night calls for sleep and in the morning back to work,) These lines capture the personality of Ram Bhavan who works on a contractual basis from his residence hi a jhugghi in Badarpur, Delhi. Unlike his fellow labourers, he looks happy and satisfied hi life. This is all what Ram Bhavan From nearby factories he gets utensils for polishing and manages to earn around Rs.5000/- per month, which, he think, is sufficient to run the needs of his family needs of his family of five members .His mild nature and temperament have made him become a sort of 'take life easy ' kind of individual. Whenever asked about the difficulties hi his life,

he always answered like a self satisfied individual, which was also echoed by his wife though he also narrates that there were times when he did not have enough to eat, but he never complained thinking that God would reward them since they were hard working people.

Ram Bhavan was born and brought up in U.P. Due to decrepit economic condition he had to migrate to Delhi. After he came to Delhi in the late seventies, he was staying at Harikeshnagar with his brother, who was then working in Delhi in a private company, and he started working the same kind of job in the same unit. Later, when the personal relationship between the two brothers went down and started living separately. Ram Bhavan also started working as a helper in a utensil-polishing unit. He kept switching over his jobs only in his kind of factories. Based on his interview, nothing much can be said about his early proletariat life in Delhi. Gradually when he got experienced in buffing and polishing he put up his own unit at his residence at Harinagar after purchasing a plot in 1993, since then his economic condition has improved, though he also narrates that there were times when he didn't have enough to eat.

Ram Bhavan says that he doesn't remember much about his childhood except for the fact that he got married at a very early age. He recalls how the bride (his wife) was in her father's lap; though he had a vague idea about what was going on, his wife was too small, only five years old, even to figure out that she was getting married. However they started living together only when their 'Gauna' took place (second marriage ceremony as per Hindu marriage tradition, practiced in Bihar and eastern part of UP). He tells that his wife has always been very supportive, though he has not been able to give her anything more than two meals a day, and doesn't get the time to take his wife out. He further informs that she has always been busy looking after the household chores and paying attention to their three children. He and his wife would love to send their children to school and hope that someday their children will get decent jobs. But at times he is skeptical about his dreams to get realized, as he expresses by saying, 'sab unper nirbhar karte hai.' (Everything depends upon God)

Ram Bhavan likes watching movies though his busy work schedule doesn't spare him enough free time. He hardly gets time to sit in front of the TV set and enjoy watching films. Going to cinema halls is out of question as tickets are too costly for him to afford. So whenever he manages to find some free time from his work he pays visit to his friends or helps his wife in household works. He says that festivals are a time for celebrations, so in order to enjoy the festive mood; he likes to go out with his family and visit his relatives who stay in other parts of Delhi.

Ram Bhavan complains about the minimal facilities in his locality and points out that Government has not provided them with electricity and water connection and he is struggling along with his friends to get these basic necessities. Though he doesn't have any particular political affiliation, he is active in the area during elections and is very conscious about political and civil rights. He doesn't like to be oppressed or to follow others' command and he says that this is the why he started his own work. During the 1987 workers' strike, he didn't involve himself much, but when one worker was treated harshly by the owner, he participated in an agitation in Okhla area in the 80's. Narrating the incident he informs that nothing much happened after the agitation, even though the

industrial area remained closed for four days and few vehicles and factories were gutted to ash.

Ram Bhavan would like to live a decent and respectable life and doesn't aspire much like having a big house or a car, for he thinks that these are beyond his capacity to acquire. But he would certainly like to educate his children well. That Ram Bhavan is a self-satisfied man is revealed in the lines, when he says, "ham apni zindgi se bahut khush rabte hain chahe jab mein paise ho ya na ho, khane ko mihi rahe kafi hain". (I am very happy with my life, even if the pocket is empty; getting two meals is enough).