

Shelterless in the Opulent National Capital

Making MDGs Elusive

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Harmonious City

- Adequate opportunity for productivity

Affordable living condition

Increasing income level

Access to social infrastructure

Two Major MDGs

- **Eradication of poverty from 8% to below 4% during 2000—15**

Delhi's poverty ratio has increased from 8% to 15% during 2000--06

- **Public safety**

*Delhi—specific goal identified by Delhi HDR
elusive for the shelterless*

Survey of Shelterless in Delhi

Conducted in 2007

Two– stage survey

(a) Headcount

(a) Sample survey

District wise Distribution of Shelter less Persons in Delhi (%)

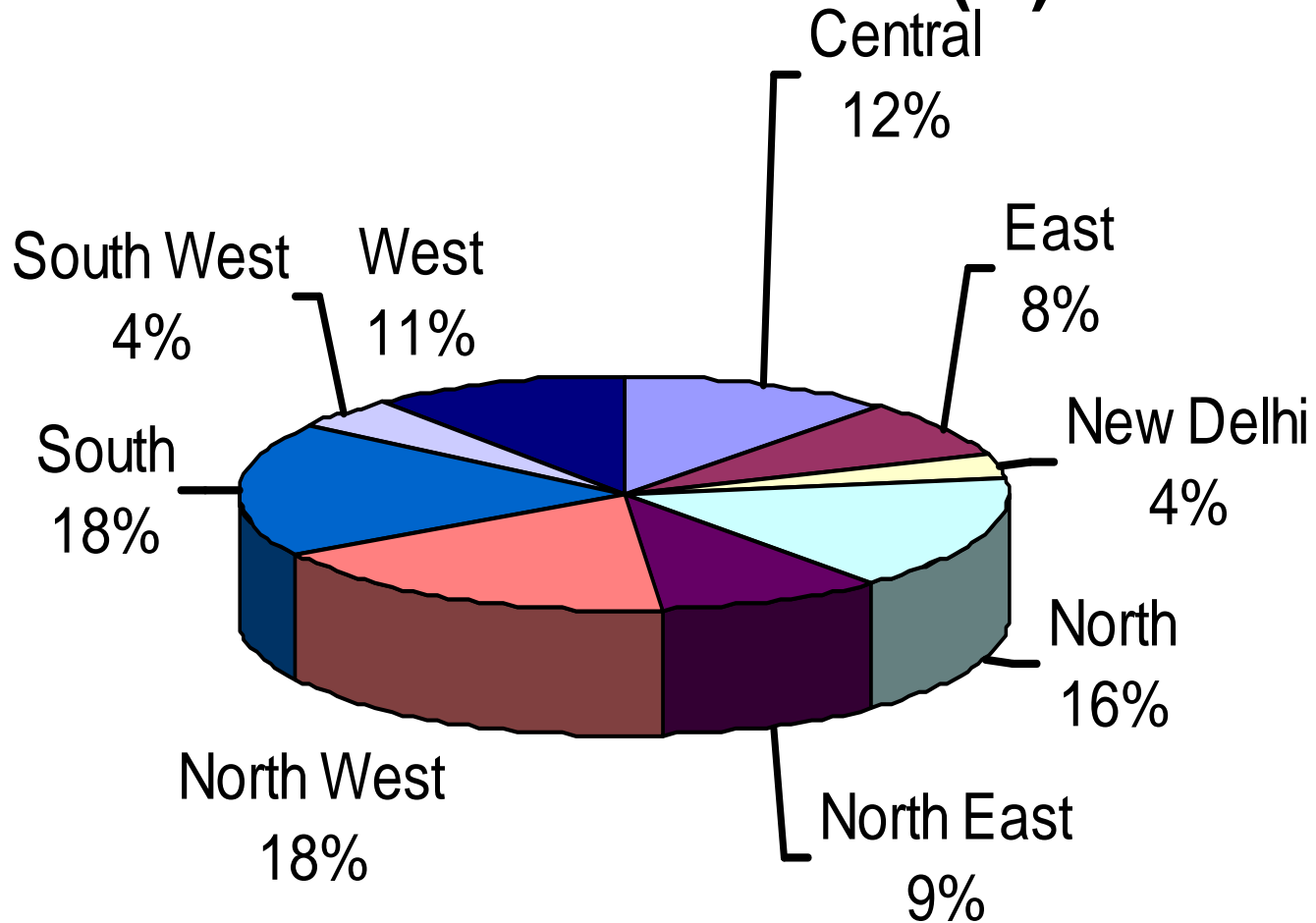
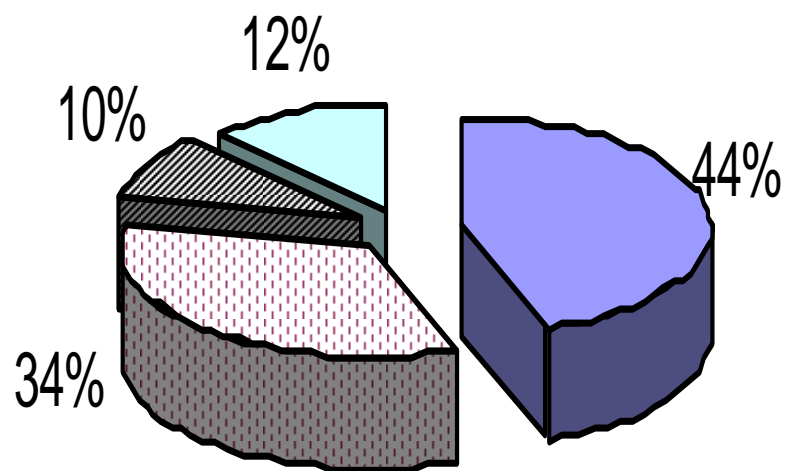


Figure 2: Distribution of Shelterless Persons by Social Group



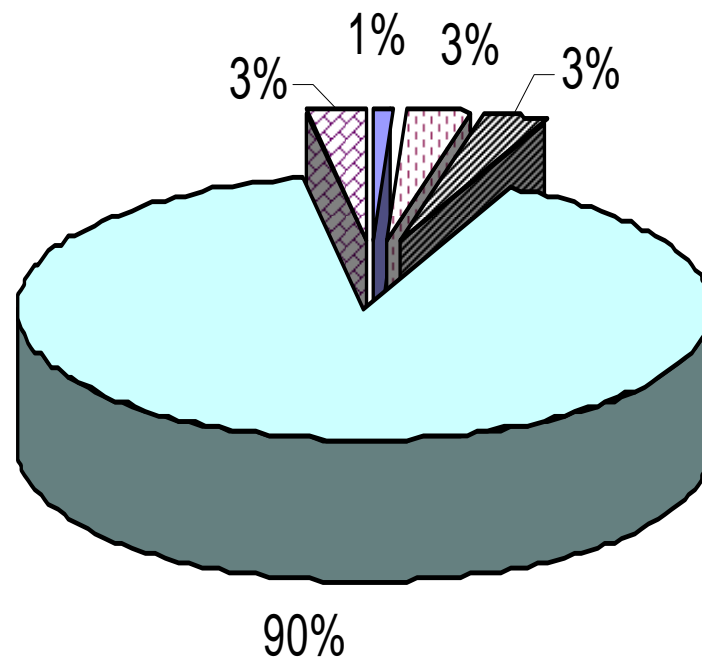
■ OBC

■ SC

■ ST

■ Others

Figure 3: Distribution of Shelterless Persons by Age-group



■ 0-4 ■ 5-10 ■ 11-14 ■ 15-59 ■ 60 & Above

Vulnerable Element

- Children below 5 years
High infant mortality rate
- Girl child between 11-14 years
Child labour, trafficking
- Single women
- Elderly over 60

Education and Occupation

- Average literacy rate—25.82
- 90% of shelterless—working
- Construction labourer, rickshaw puller, self-employed, begger
- Children between 11—14-easy prey to social evil
- Average earning—2000—3000 pcpm
- No opportunity for skill development

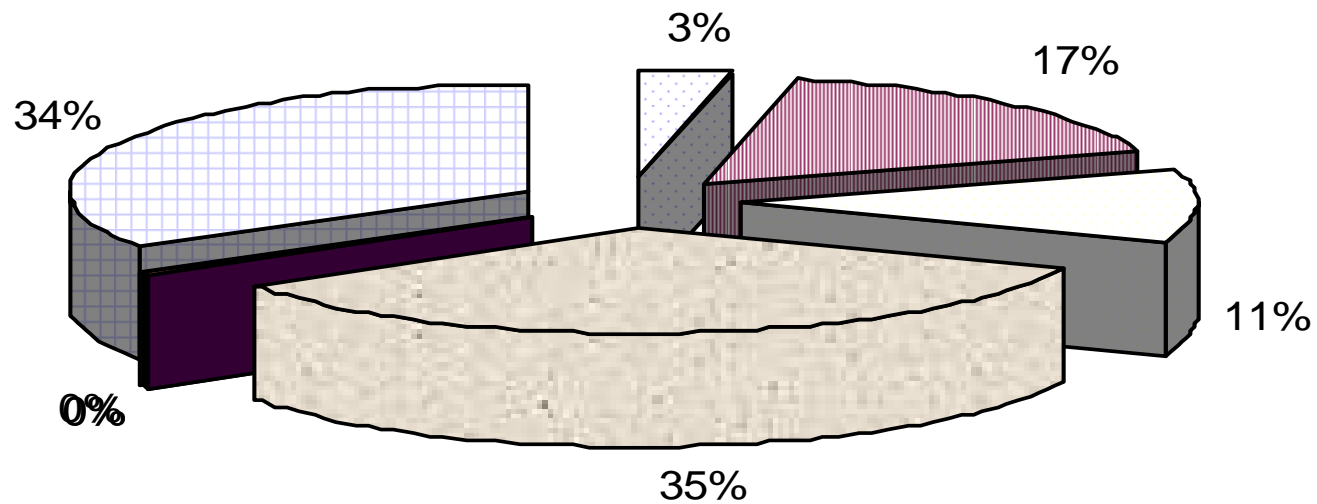
Access to Services

- Water—Community tap—when available
- Electricity—street light—if working
- Medical—indegenious
- No documents to avail public health services
- Education—no documents
- High opportunity cost

Livelihood Concerns

- High dependency ratio in native place
- Meager expenditure—high remittance
- Majority above poverty line
- No permanent address
- Cannot spend on housing
- Cannot leave the city

Figure 4 : Distribution of ID for Persons



- Ration Card(D)
- ▨ Ration Card(NP)
- Voter ID(D)
- ▨ Voter ID(NP)
- Bank A/C(D)
- Bank A/C(NP)
- Driving License
- No identification

Awareness and Utilisation of Night Shelters

- Awareness—30%
- Utilisation—20%

- Reasons

Not safe

Family not allowed

Too crowded

No facility

Temporary relief

Night Shelters

- Covers less than 10% in Delhi, less than 1% in other major urbanised states
- Apathy of the states
- No awareness
- No maintenance
- Not permitted for longer duration
- No land reservation for the scheme

Major Risk Perception

- Police harassment 29%
- Eviction threat 42%
- Threat to life 12%
- Others 16%
- Future better 3%

Away from Harmony

- Not a single night shelter constructed during 10th Plan in Delhi
- Crowded night shelters closed—no alternative site
- Demand—supply gap widening for the lower income groups
- NGO involvement—inadequate
- No time—bound scheme

Future Perception

- No permanent accommodation—only shelter
- Job in native place
- Same future for youngsters
- Sense of rootlessness

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