

JALANDHAR DISTRICT

GENERAL DISCRPTION OF THE DISTRICT

2.1 Introduction

The Jalandhar is occupying 5.3 % of the total Geographical area of the State. It is considered as one of the larger and densely populated District of Punjab State and is a part of Prosperous Doaba Region. The District lies in the heart of the State and is situated between the River Satluj and Beas. The District was a part of vast area covered under the Indus Valley civilization during the early period of the History. In ancient time the district comprises the whole of the upper Doabas from the Ravi to the Sutluj. The District Witnessed an industrial revolution during the post partition years as a large number of migrants from the eastwhile Punjab settled here and started industrial activity as their profession. Today the district enjoys good reputation in national and international markets for its sports goods, hand tools, leather goods, surgical instruments and rubber products.

2.1.1 Location of Jalandhar District in Punjab.

. The Jalnandhar District which has major road and rail connections, is a market for agricultural products.. It is at a distance of 350 Kms from Delhi on Delhi-Amritsar Highway. It is surrounded by Ludhiana district in East, Kapurthala in West, Hosiharpur in North and Ferozpur in South. It is well connected by road and train. Nearest Airport is RajaSansi Airport, Amritsar at a distance of 90 kms.



2.1.2 Agro climatic Zones and Soil Type

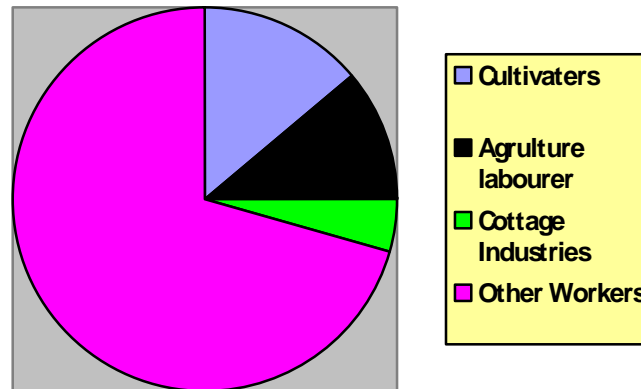
Out of Six Agroclimatic Zones of Punjab the whole of the Jalandhar lies in the Central Plain Region. The land of the District is covered by the alluvial Deposits of the Indus - Ganga. The District has Sub Tropical monsoon type climate with normal rainfall 600mm.

2.1.3 Main subsidiary occupation of the District

The main subsidiary occupation includes Dairy, followed by Poultry, Fishry and beekeeping. The commercial dairy farm in the Districts are 550, Poultry are 34, Fishry is on 527 Hectares and Bee keeping is occupied by 109 farmers of the District.

2.1.4 Resource Mapping

As per the 2001 census, 52.55 % of its population lived in rural areas and only 47.45% lived in urban areas and the total work force of the district is depicted in figure below



The urbanites are mainly salary class employees as many of the Headquarters of various Centre Govt Offices i.e All India Radio, Doordarshan Kendras, Income Tax Department, Regional Passport Office are situated here but there are very few large scale industries in the district out of which main are GNA, Hand tool Industry, 20 Mentha oil extraction unit in the rural areas, Markfed cannary, two Sugar Mills (Bhogpur and Nakodar). At the same time the district is famously known as an Health Hub as about 585 Private Hospital concerning with the multispecialty concerns are situated here . The Jalandhar District is famous for Print and Electronics Media. The Hind Samachar Group of Publications, Ajit Group of Publication, Akali Patrika, Dainik Jagran , Bhaskar, Nawa Jamana all very famous News Pappers are published from Jalandhar. Due to the presence of Print Media, Doordarshan and AIR the District is also known as the Media Centre of Punjab. Rural areas of the district are very well developed with infrastructural facilities like Co-operative Societies, Schools, post offices, Banks, STD, road network and railways. All the villages of the district are electrified. The district has a good network of regulated markets for sale and purchase of agricultural produce. There are 11 regulated markets located in Jalandhar East, West, Adampur, Bhogpur, Philour, Rurka Kalan, Noormehal , Nakodar, Shakot and Lohian Block, 37 sub yards are attached with 10 regulated markets. On an average one market serve 7 villages.

The Department of Horticulture has Govt Fruit nursery at Jalndhar, Phillour, Thara and Potato Seed Farm at Malsian, Kartarpur, and Dhogri. The Central Potato Research Station CPRI is situated at Jalandhar Nakodar Highway . Govt Mushroom Spawn lab Jalandhar and fruit and vegetables processing Unit at Jalandhar. The Animal Health section is strengthened by the presence of 92 Civil Veterinary Hospital, 92 dispensaries and three mobile vans.

Table : 1 Infrastructure Available on Block Seed Farm (BSF) / Trial cum Demonstration (TCD) Farm

Name of the BSF / TCD	Total area (ha)	Cultivable area (ha)	Irrigated area (ha)	Infrastructure available						
				Animal (No)	Implements (No)	Farm well , pump (No)	Seed Processing plant (No)	Godown capacity (tonnes)	Temporary Shed Average sq. ft.	Other Earth worm shed
Potato Seed Farm Kartarpur	15	14.8	14.8	-	10	2	-	-	4000	-
Adampur Govt Seed Farm	22.6	22.2	22.2	-	12	3	-	-	4000 and 1800	-
Govt Seed Farm Malsian	44.4	40	40	-	20	4	-	-	4000	-
Potato Seed Farm Badshapur	200	120	120	-	51	5	-	50	4000	-
Krishi Vigyan Kendra Noormahal	25	24	24	-	5	1	-	-	-	

Table- 2 Infrastructure Availabkle in the District

Number of Cooperative Societies	1711
Number of Agriculture Cooperative Societies	254
Others	1457
Rural Banks	194
No. of Cold Storage	133
Agro processing Units	
i) The Doaba Cooperative Milk Producing Union	1(Jalandhar West)
ii) Metro Milk Plant Pvt Limited	1(Jalandhar East)
iii) Shasta Milk Food Pvt Limited	1(Phillour)

