

# **Characteristics of Rural Urban Fringe of Jammu City India**

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## Abstract

The emergence of the rural-urban fringe on the outskirts of the Jammu city is a recent phenomenon. The unprecedented growth of urban centers after the independence and migration from the different areas of the hinterland resulting in congestion and overcrowding in the city and surrounding on the one hand and development of modern means of transport and communication on the other. The emergence of fringe zones the complex problem of adjustments between the rural urban ways of life. It exhibits quite interesting characteristics revealing remarkable changes in land use, mobile and low public utility, fast expansion of residential areas and trans-communication channels. Thus, in this paper the apparent characteristics of the rural – urban fringe of Jammu city in regard to the following indicators have been analyzed population growth, literacy, occupations structure (ratio of non agricultural workers), sex ratio and population density.

**Keywords:** Fringe, literacy, occupations structure, sex ratio, population density.

#### Introduction

The rural – urban fringe generally surrounds the city area as a circumference belt of mixed rural and urban land uses and manifests strong interaction with the city in terms of daily communication, exchange of goods and services and changing land use pattern proportion with the growth dynamism of the city. The urban impact is discernible in its prevailing land use, occupational structure and morphological characteristics<sup>1</sup>.

The origin of rural – urban fringe depends on the interplay of pull and push factors of urban centers. Its development is attributed to various socio-economic and cultural factors which generate the process of urbanization. The transformation of landscape starts with the acquisition of rural land for urban uses. The fringe zone developed in such a haphazard way on outskirts of corporate limit and sometimes within the limits, has been termed as 'urban fringe', 'no man's land', 'peri urban land', 'heterogeneous region', 'urban district', and 'metropolitan zone'. Actually this is a zone of transition in function, form, demography and social life in between the city and the country side<sup>3</sup>. In rural – urban fringes there is found a mixture of land uses, mainly related to farming and urban interest. Rodehaver pointed out character of fringe that "new residents converge upon the fringe both from urban places and rural areas<sup>4</sup>" Deway observed in the fringe area an intermingling of two kinds of population, agricultural workers as well as those engaged in urban occupations having adopted urban way of life<sup>5</sup>.

**Study Area Profile:** To set the agenda for research, the first effort has been set forth as the identification of the area. It is extended between  $32^{0}32''$  N to  $32^{0}54''$  N latitudes and between  $74^{0}$  39" E to  $75^{0}$  4" E longitudes. It is bounded by Akhnoor

Tehsil in the north west, Samba district in the south east, R.S. Pura Tehsil in the south west and Bishnah Tehsil in the south. Western parts of the study area shares the international border with Pakistan.

The area experiences sub-humid monsoon type of climate. The summer temperature fluctuates between 31°C-42°C. In winter the temperature range from 8°C-13°C. The annual rainfall is about 85-135 cm.

With the urban expansion, new location and other linear extension along the Jammu-Pathankot and Jammu-Akhnoor roads have extended the urban limits in the form of some stay colonies.

On the basis of above description of the study area it can be well justified that this area provides suitable grounds to study rural-urban fringe and the changes in it through time.

**Objectives of the Study:** To assess the demographic and transformation processes that have occurred through years so as to appreciate the impact of changing population densities, sex ratio, literacy rates, occupational structures and to analyze the changes in the fringe area.

## Methodology

To fulfill the objectives of present study a sound methodology has been devised to study demographical and occupational structures, land use variables, socio-economic transformations and accessibility variables of Jammu and adjacent districts (village level). In the present the study variety of resources and methods have been used.

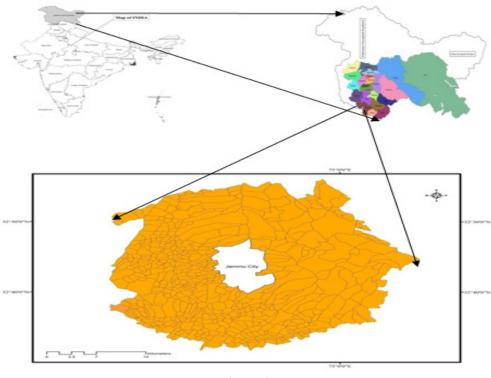


Figure-1 Study Area

This study excepting its conceptual part is based on the data procured from the primary as well as secondary resources. The secondary data have been borrowed from various government and semi-government offices of district, tehsil and block level. The census data and other records are used to get a more general picture of the demography occupational structure, newspaper articles etc. The data thus collected from various primary and secondary areas is represented by several cartographic and statistical methods. The results are presented through various maps and tables generated in Arc GIS, and interpretations are sought accordingly.

The following techniques shall be applied to fulfil the objectives of present study-

**Correlation Analysis:** The correlation analysis was done to understand the relationship between distance from the city and literacy, population density, sex ratio, ratio of non-agricultural workers. The following formula was used to calculate the correlation: E.g.; - If X and Y are two variables, then correlation

$$(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1 - \frac{6 \sum d^2}{N (N^2 - 1)}}{}$$

Where  $d = R_1 - R_2$ . N = No. of variables

The methodology stated above when applied on relevant data will provide a clear picture of the rural-urban fringe of the area

under study, on the basis of which various policies and programmes will be proposed for the solution of the problems of the study area.

Characteristics of Rural-Urban Fringe of Jammu City: The rural urban fringe of Jammu city exhibits some characteristic features, governed by physio-cultural impact of the city and its environs. The villages which comes under the fringe area are likely to become part of the Jammu city tomorrow. The rural urban fringe area of the Jammu city reveals peculiar characteristics related to socio-economis and occupational structure. The emergence of the rural-urban fringe on the outskirts of the Jammu city is a recent phenomenon. The unprecedented growth of urban centers after the independence and migration from the different areas of the hinterland resulting in congestion and overcrowding in the city and surrounding on the one hand and development of modern means of transport and communication on the other. The emergence of fringe zones the complex problem of adjustments between the rural urban wavs of life. It exhibits quite interesting characteristics revealing remarkable changes in land use, mobile and low public utility, fast expansion of residential areas and transcommunication channels.

Thus, in this chapter the apparent characteristics of the rural – urban fringe of Jammu city in regard to the following indicators have been analyzed. i. Population growth, ii. Literacy, iii.

Occupations structure (ratio of non agricultural workers), iv. Sex ratio, v. Population density.

Land use and land values of the fringe areas are also taken into consideration.

After calculating the mean and standard deviation of each indicator, their standardized values are found and after that on the basis of the mean and standard deviations the values of above four indicators are grouped into five categories. These values are checked for literacy, sex ratio, population density and ratio of non-agriculture.

Table-1
Range of values for different indicators

Categories	Range of Values
Very High	Above mean +3 S.D
High	mean +2 S.D to mean +3 S.D
Medium	mean +1 S.D to mean +2 S.D
Low	mean to mean +1 S.D
Very Low	Below mean

Thus, the basis of above values the villages following in the study area are divided into five categories. The villages falling

between the value of above mean + 3S.D comes under the category of very high, villages whose values ranges between mean + 2S.D to mean + 3S.D falls under the category of high. While villages whose values lies between mean + 1S.D to mean + 2S.D fall under medium category and villages with values lying between mean to mean + 1S.D and below mean falls under the category of low to very low respectively.

**Demographic Characteristics:** It is needful to analyze various demographic aspects of the fringe zone to understand the characteristic of the the fringe area of the city. Demographic characteristics are directly associated with the pattern, its distribution, density, literacy and composition. Therefore, characteristics of the fringe zone related to demographic aspects are discussed below:

Literacy: Literacy is one of the most important indicators that reflect the socio-economic achievement of any society<sup>5</sup>. On the shadow of urban area i.e. in the primary fringe, the numbers of educated persons are more than in the secondary fringe. In the fringe area of Jammu city also, the percentage of the literates has been found increasing with the increase in the level of literacy and education as per census records.

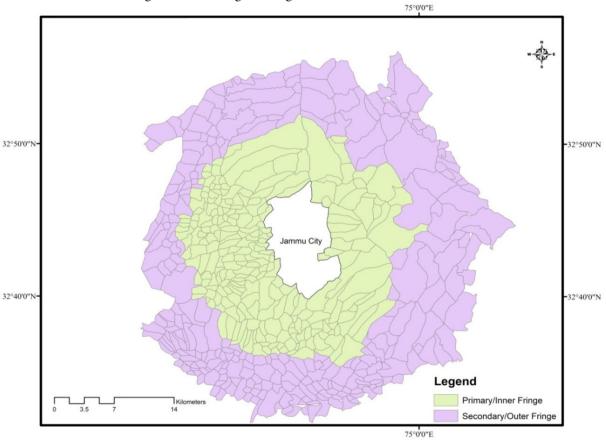


Figure-2 Rural – Urban Fringe Jammu City

Table-2 Rural-Urban fringe -Population Density, Sex Ratio, Literacy Rate, Non-agricultural workers by 2 km distance zones

<b>Distance Zones</b>	Zone-1	Zone-2	Zone-3	Zone-4	Zone-5	Zone-6	Zone-7	Zone-8
Population Densit	y (Persons per	Sq. Km)						
1981	631	598	541	515	461	325	291	221
2001	1045	998	891	864	865	602	613	521
2011	1243	1032	984	906	912	768	756	659
Sex Ratio								
1981	885	890	891	901	898	909	915	925
2001	857	854	849	862	871	892	906	901
2011	850	852	863	860	882	889	902	909
Literacy								
1981	59.04	54.02	53.97	51.13	43.02	39.08	37.4	35.1
2001	71.55	70.55	71.1	64.97	63.18	61.79	62.44	59.85
2011	74.66	73.53	72.86	72.26	71.54	69.31	68.83	68.63
Percentage of Non-Agricultural Workers								
1981	78.21	73.95	69.1	54.9	46.31	39.91	36.51	35.21
2001	87.51	83.75	79.61	72.51	65.25	59.51	56.71	54.9
2011	89.54	85.6	83.39	77.69	74.23	69.88	68.51	65.22

Source: Census of India 1981, 2001 and 2011.

Table-3 Rural-Urban fringe - Literacy Rate 2011

Fringe Zone	Distance from the centre of city	Total Population (2011)	Population Literate (2011)	Literacy Rate (2011)
	4-6	50427	37649	74.66
	6-8	91597	67351	73.53
INNER FRINGE	8-10	90138	65512	72.68
	10-12	88047	63623	72.26
	12-14	89317	63897	71.54
	14-16	77931	54014	69.31
OUTER FRINGE	16-18	71543	49246	68.83
	18-20	61018	41877	68.63

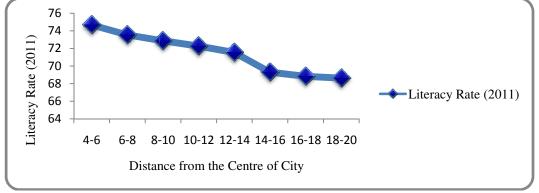


Figure-3 Rural-Urban fringe - Literacy Rate 2011

Above table depicts the distance wise literacy in the rural – urban fringe of Jammu city. The distance zones from the city centre are divided into eight zones i.e. from 4-6 km 6-8 km, 80-10 km, 10-12 km, 12-14 km, 14-16 km, 16-18 km and from 18-20 km having the interval of 2 km each.

The primary fringe villages record their average literacy as 72 % while it is 68.92 % in the rural or secondary fringe villages in 2011 against the average of 52.23 % of literacy in primary fringe and 37.19 % of literacy rate of secondary fringe in the year 1981(table 2). This ratio has increased to 20 % in 2011. There exists a great variation in percentage of literacy from zone to zone ranging from 74.66% in 4-6 km zone to 72.26 % in 10-20 km zone and 68.63 % in 18-20km distance zone. Further it is observed that there is abrupt fall in the level of literacy as we move away from the city (table 3) The level of literacy decreases from 74.66% in 4-6 km zone to 68.63% in 18-20 km zone, but if we compare it with literacy of 1981 then it was 59.04 % in 4-6 km zone and more down to 35.1 % in 18-20 km zone. This shows that literacy decreases with the increase in the distance from the city. This also indicates that number of literates is increasing every year and the increase in the level of literacy is quite satisfactory (table 2).

There are about 179 villages which comes under the category of very high to high literacy rate and about 82 number of villages in the fringe area are in the category of having very low to low

literacy rate. While 266 number of villages fall in the category of medium literacy rate. Further it is clear that the literacy rate is high near the city, but as we approach towards the peripheral area it generally goes on decreasing. In Deeli, Barnai, Sultanpur, Nougran, Rakh Chatha, Patoli Brahmana, Top Manhasan, Chak Nowade, Raipur Domana, Chak Ratnu etc. villages more than 75 % inhabitants are literates. Thus the literacy is closely linked with the distance factor but the living standard of the inhabitants of these villages have also influenced the literacy.

Sex Ratio: The sex ratio is a suitable demographic indicator reflecting the population comparison of the area and the economic and social implications thereof. It is interesting to note that male female ratio in primary fringe of Jammu city remains more or less the same for last two decades (table 4). An analysis of sex ratio reveals that it tends to become more uneven among the primary fringe villages than in the secondary fringe villages. Unprecedented migration of male to the city and its vicinity in search of employment increases not only the growth and density of population in the adjoining villages, but also creates uneven sex ratio.

Thus it is found that closer to the city females per thousand of males are less and it shows increasing trends as we move towards the peripheral areas. The average sex ratio for the primary fringe for 2011 comes out to be 861 and for secondary rural-urban fringe it is about 900 females per thousand of males.

Table-4 Rural-Urban fringe – Sex Ratio 2011

Fringe Zone	Distance from the centre of city	Male Population (2011)	Female Population (2011)	Sex Ratio (2011)
	4-6	16447	13980	850
	6-8	49458	42135	852
INNER FRINGE	8-10	49095	41043	863
	10-12	47337	40710	860
	12-14	47459	41858	882
	14-16	41255	36676	889
OUTER FRINGE	16-18	37617	33931	902
	18-20	31963	29054	909

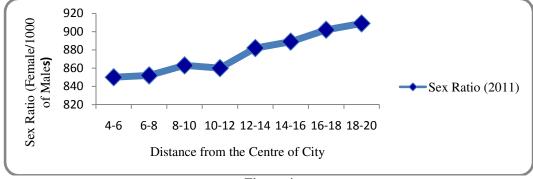


Figure-4 Rural-Urban fringe – Sex Ratio 2011

Table-4 depicts that the sex ratio tends to increase with the increasing distance from the city. There is a marked decrease in the female population from 1981 to 2011 in each distance zone (table 2). It is clear from the above table that female per thousand of males were 850 in 4-6 km zone which increases to 882 in 12-14 km zone and then to 909 in 18-20 km distance zone.

Figure-2 makes it clear that sex ratio goes on increasing with the increasing distance from the city. There are about 365 number of villages which fall under the category of having very high to high sex ratio and is generally located far away from the city. About 63 number of villages showing medium sex ratio and about 94 number of villages fall in the category of having very low to low sex ratio. The low sex ratio is found near to the city because of dominance of the male population near the city in search of livelihood, which ultimately create uneven sex ratio.

**Density of Population:** The density of population is one of the most important, indicator which successfully determines the fringe character of the city. The density of population in the fringe area of Jammu city is certainly lower than the central city. The average density of population in the primary fringe comes out to be 1015 persons per square km while in the secondary fringe area it has been 727 persons per sq km.

It is clear from above table that villages of the rural urban fringe exhibit great variation in the population density from very high population density i.e. 1243 persons/sq km is found in the village lying closer to the city i.e. between the distance zone of 4-6 km and as we move away from the city the density goes on decreasing, in 10-12 km zone it is 906 persons per sq. km., which further increase to 912 persons per sq.km. in 12-14 km zone. The reason for high density in this zone being presence of satellite town Bari- Brahmana and census town Bhalwal. The density of population is found to be low in 18-20 km distance zone i.e.659 persons per sq. km.

Figure-3 make it clear that there are about 100 villages which fall in the category of very high to high density of population and about 37 villages are there which are under the medium category and 390 number of villages come under the category of low to very low density of population. In some village which are closest to the city, the density of population is very high like 3219 persons per sq km in Muthi, 1127 in Barnai, 1804 in Patoli Brahmana, 1544 in Kangrail, 2851 in Khanpur, 2527 in Tikri Dayal, 2288 in Hazuri Bagh, 1964 in Pouni Chak. All these villages lie in 4-8 km zone and experiencing high density of population out of these village Muthi, Barnai, Hazuri Bagh, Khanpur are considered as outgrowth of Jammu City.

Table-5
Rural-Urban fringe – Population Density 2011

S.No.	Fringe Zone	Distance from the centre of city	Total Population (2011)	Population density (2011) (persons per Sq. Km)
1		4-6	50427	1243
2	INNED	6-8	91597	1032
3	INNER	8-10	90138	984
4		10-12	88047	906
5		12-14	89317	912
6	OUTER -	14-16	77931	768
7		16-18	71543	756
8	FRINGE	18-20	61018	659

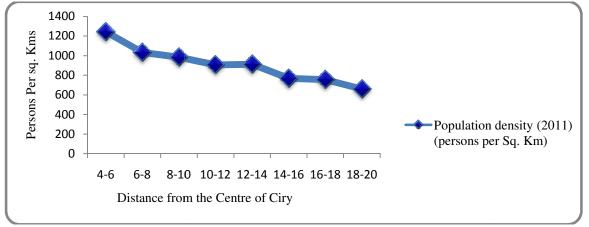


Figure-5 Rural-Urban fringe – Population Density 2011

The reason of higher population density is being influence of the city and availability of all the facilities like good education jobs and medical facilities good accessibility etc. which work as pure factor for the people living in the area which are away from the city. But there are also some villages in the fringe area in which lowest population density is found. The population density is only 25 person/sq in Majra Kotli, 53 persons/sq km in Dhung, 16 persons/sq km in Seri Kalan, 90 persons/sq km in Surinsar, 11 persons/sq km in Sail Gaihr, 12 persons/sq km in Rakh Chikran, 10 persons/sq km in Harsa Dabbar. The reason being farness from city, non availability of water facilities, poor accessibility, lack of education and medical facilities and main reason being these areas fall in kandi belt of study area.

Occupational Structure: The ratio of working force to the rural population is a good indicator through which the impact of city may be strongly proved. The villages lying in the vicinity of the Jammu city seem to have changed their characteristics more conspicuously than those situated away. In fact the growing tendency towards non-agricultural occupation measures the degree of urban influence upon its region<sup>6</sup>.

Table-6 depicts the change in percentage of non-agricultural workers with the increasing distance from the core of the city. It is clear from the table 6 that in all time period the percentage of non-agricultural workers decreases with the increase of distance from the city and also there is an increase in the percentage of non-agricultural workers from 1981 to 2011. The mean percentage of the workers engaged in non-agricultural occupation to the total workers comes out to be 82.09 % for primary fringe and 67.87 % for secondary fringe in 2011. It is obvious from table 6 that the percentage of non agriculture workers goes on decreasing with the increasing distance from the city. The percentage of non agriculture workers in 4-6 km zone is 89.54% which fall down to 74.23% in 12-14 km zone and further come down to 65.22% in 18-20 km distance zone. In Jammu city rapid increase in the percentage of non-agricultural workers has been observed such an increasing ratio of nonagricultural workers proves the dynamic character of workers and diversification of occupation.

Table-6 Rural-Urban Fringe – Non-Agricultural Workers 2011

Fringe Zone	Distance from the centre of city	<b>Total Population (2011)</b>	Percentage of Non-Agriculture workers (2011)
	4-6	50427	89.54
	6-8	91597	85.6
INNER FRINGE	8-10	90138	83.39
	10-12	88047	77.69
	12-14	89317	74.23
	14-16	77931	69.88
OUTER FRINGE	16-18	71543	68.51
	18-20	61018	65.22

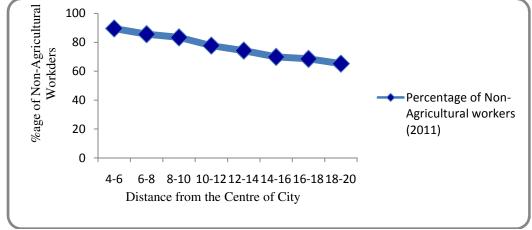


Figure-6 Rural-Urban Fringe – Non-Agricultural Workers 2011

There are about 104 number of villages which fall in the category of very high to high percentage of non agriculture workers, about 158 number of villages are in the medium category of non agriculture workers and more than 255 number of villages fall in very low to low category of non agriculture workers. In the rural peripheral area the percentage of non agriculture workers is very low. The reason being the dominance of rural character and far from the urban encroachment. The decrease in percentage of non agriculture workers could be attributed to the fact large scale encroachment in agricultural land. The workforce previously engaged in agricultural and other primary activities are forced to engage themselves in industrial and other service sectors which are primarily in response to the demand of the urban dwellers.

**Correlation Analysis:** In this study correlation analysis has been done to understand the relationship between the different distance zones raring from 4 to 20kms from city's centre and different determinants viz. literacy rate, population density, non-agricultural workers and

Table-8
Correlation of Distance Zones (4-20 km) with following
Variables

Variables	Correlation Values
Literacy Rate	-0.98
Sex Ratio	0.97
Non-Agricultural Workers	-0.95
Population Density	-0.95

The above table indicates the different correlation values between the distance zones from the city and different indicators i.e. with literacy, sex ratio, non-agricultural workers and population density. Above table reveals correlation between the distance from the city and literacy i.e. r=-0.98. It is quite convincing also that with the increasing distance the literacy level decreases. The inverse relationship between distance and literacy proves the distance decay effect. Thus it is clear that literacy is closely linked with the distance factor.

Further it clear from the table that coefficient of correlation between the distance zones and non-agricultural workers is r = -0.95 showing high negative correlation which is also revealed in Fig.4 which shows inverse relation between the variables plotted i.e. decrease in percentage of non-agricultural workers with the increasing distance from the city limits. The coefficient of correlation comes out to be r= 0.98 between distance from the city and sex ratio, which means that these two variables are positively correlated with each other and shows that there is almost corresponding increase in sex ratio with increasing distance from city centre. Again it is clear from the table 8 that a negative correlation with the value of r = -0.95 is found between the distance zones from the centre of city and density of population. It is clear from the Fig.3 that with the increasing distance from the city the density of population goes on decreasing.

#### Conclusion

In this paper an attempt have been made to throw light on the apparent characteristics of the rural-urban fringe of Jammu city with regard to the following indicators: i Literacy; ii Sex ratio; iii Population density; iv Ratio of non-agricultural workers; v Land use pattern, land value and infrastructural facilities have also been taken into consideration. By calculating the mean and standard deviation, the value of each indicator is calculated and put into five categories i.e. very high, high, medium, low and very low. Further for the detail analysis demographic occupational, land use and land values characteristics of the fringe area of Jammu city is divided into eight distinct zones i.e. from 4-6 km, 6-8 km, 8-10 km, 10-12 km, 12-14 km, 14-16 km, 16-18 km and 18-20 km having the interval of 2 km distance from the centre of the city and then the characteristic features of each indicator is evaluated zone wise.

In order to understand the characteristics of rural- urban fringe of Jammu city it is needful to analyze various demographic aspects i.e. literacy, population density, sex composition etc. If we talk about the literacy level in the fringe area, then it is found that in the shadow of urban areas the number of literate are more and as we move away from the city the literacy rate goes on decreasing. It is found that the primary fringe villages record the average literacy as 72% while in the rural or secondary fringe villages it is found to be 68.92% in year 2011 against the average of 12.3% of literacy in primary fringe and 37.19% of literacy rate of secondary fringe in the year 1981. This ratio has increased to 20% by 2011. There exists a great variation in the percentage of literacy from zone to zone. It varies from 74.66% in 4-6 km zone to 68.63% in 18-20% zone which ultimately reveals decreasing trend of literacy with increasing distance. Further it is found that there exists a negative correlation between the distance from the city and literacy rate i.e. about r=-0.98. It is found that there are about 179 number of villages which come under the category of very high to high literacy rate and about 82 number of villages in the category of very low to low literacy rate and 266 number of villages in the medium literacy level.

In case of sex ratio, there exists a positive correlation with the distance zone i.e. about (r = +0.97) this depicts the trend of increasing sex ratio with increasing distance. It is found that the sex ratio in primary fringe villages is low because of unprecedented migration of males to the city in search of jobs while in secondary fringe village it is high. The average sex ratio in primary fringe is about 861 and in secondary fringe it is found 900 females per thousand of males. Further, there are about 365 number of villages which fall under the category of having very high to high sex ratio, about 94 number of villages fall in the category of having very low to low sex ratio and only 63 number of villages show medium sex ratio.

The density of population in the fringe area of Jammu city is certainly lower than the central city. There exists a negative

correlation between the distance zone and density of population i.e. r = 0.95. This means that the density of population goes on decreasing with the increasing distance from the city i.e. it decrease from 1243 persons per sq km in 4-6 km distance zone to 912 persons per sq km in 12-14 km distance zone to 659 persons per sq km in 18-20 km distance zone. The reason being the decreasing influence of city, lack of necessary facilities viz. lack of transport, educational, jobs and health facilities.

It is found that the change in the percentage of non-agricultural workers with the increasing distance from the centre of the city is very sharp. It is found that the percentage of workers engaged in non-agricultural occupation to the total workers goes on decreasing in both the fringes, but their decreasing is more sharp among the primary fringe villages i.e. it is about 89.54 % in 4-6 km zone and 74. 23 % in 12-14 zone. Further in secondary fringe, it decreases to 69.88 % in 14-16 km to 65.22 % in 18-20 km zone. In Jammu city, a rapid increase in the percentage of non-agricultural workers has been observed, such increasing ratio of non-agricultural workers proves the dynamic character of workers and diversification of occupation. There are about 104 number of villages which fall in the category of very high to high percentage of non-agricultural workers, about 158 number of villages in medium and about 255 villages in very low to low category. In the rural area the percentage of non-agricultural workers is very low, the reason being the dominance of rural character and distance from the city. This decrease in percentage of agricultural workers may be attributed to fact that fast rates of transformation of land to non-agricultural uses and large scale encroachment in agricultural land. Also there exists a negative correlation between the distance zone and ratio of non-agricultural workers i.e. about (r = -0.95).

With the growing population and sense of awareness among the people of the fringe, the rural-urban fringe of Jammu city witnesses an increase in the literacy rate, non-agricultural workers, decrease in sex ratio, increase in land values, diversified land use and improvement in the infrastructural facilities.

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