

A STUDY OF FUNCTION CLASSIFICATION OF TOWNS IN OSMANABAD DISTRICT (M.S)

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Towns are the important central places which performing the special functions and the development from the percolates to its peripheral areas. Most of important economic, social, administrative, political activities, are confined to the urban centers that provide services to the people living within them and in the surrounding areas. It accelerates the district development. These central functions along with modern facilities fascinate the people towards them. The small and medium towns having a substantial proportion of workers in primary sector and employment in tertiary sector is mainly in administrative and other public utilities; in this present paper, an attempt is made to classify the functional classification of towns. Towns may be classified on the basic of the type of economic activity they perform, some economic activities have acquired greater importance over the others. In Urban of Maharashtra or elsewhere the primary activities are also being pursued through the proportion is insignificant. For the functional classification of towns the present study has mainly considered the secondary and tertiary activities.

The Study Region

Osmanabad district is one of the 35 districts in the Maharashtra state and also is a part of Marathwada having an area 7569 sq. km. and having 14,72,256 population as per the 2001 census.

Osmanabad district is situated 17°37' to 18°42' north latitude and 75°17' to 76°47' east longitude. It is surrounded by Beed district in the north, Latur district in the east, Karnataka State in the south east, Solapur district in the south west and Ahmadnagar district in the north west. In the present study the functional classification eight towns in Osmanabad district.

Objective of the Study

To study the functional classification of town in Osmanabad district.

Data and Research Methodology

The data for the present study is mainly obtained from the census of India (Osmanabad District Census Handbook 2001)

An attempt have made to classify of the towns while applying method based on functional classification of town modification of Tringulation method.

Discussion and Findings

Functional classification of Town in Osmanabad District (2000-2001):

The worker of population very high changes three category like industries, Trade and Transport and other services in the year 2001. We found out the functional classification in Dominant group is nil worker of population town and Murum, Tuljapur and Naldurg there are three town are going to Highly Dominant town group.

Balanced towns :

I observed that I found it only one town like Paranda is included balanced group. Paranda is classified as highly balanced or highly diversified in terms of their function. These town as per their function is located in the first circle and the percentage of the economic activities in any functional group generally near about 40 percent. Paranda town is high in the other services like as 39.23 percentage. And in trade and transport in Moderately balanced function such as 31.59 percentage whereas low balanced like as 29.18 percentage in the industrial population.

Moderately Balanced towns :

Osmanabad, Kalamb, Umarga and Bhum falls in the Category of Moderately balanced towns in which the percentage of workers is between 22.50 percent and 45.27 percent of these Osmanabad Kalamb, Umarga and Bhum are having industry, as moderately balanced function and other functions trade and transport as well as other services as medium and low.

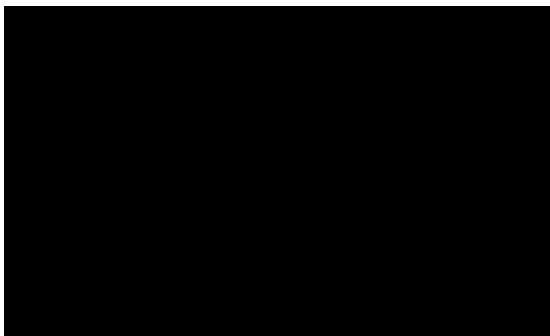
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Highly Dominant towns :

The towns classified with industry as a very distinguished highly dominant function were Murum, Tuljapur and Naldurg of these, three town Murum, Tuljapur and Naldurg are mainly the other services towns. Followed by industry and Trade & Transport as medium and low functions. In case of Naldurga industry is dominant and trade & Transport as the medium & low functions.



Balanced or Diversified	7. Paranda
Moderately Balanced	1. Osmanabad 2. Kalamb, 4. Omerga, 8. Bhum
Highly Dominant	3. Murum, 5. Tuljapur, 6. Naldurga

Degree of Intensity of Functions

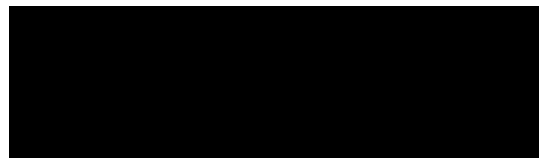
A : Highly Balanced town :

Sr. No.	Code No.	Town	Rank-I	Rank-II	Rank-III
1	7	Paranda	O.S.	T.T.	Ind.

B : Moderately Balanced towns :

Sr. No.	Code No.	Town	Rank-I	Rank-II	Rank-III
1	1	Osmanabad	Ind.	O.S.	T.T.
2	2	Kalamb	O.S.	T.T.	Ind.
3	4	Umarga	O.S.	Ind.	T.T.
4	8	Bhum	O.S.	Ind.	T.T.

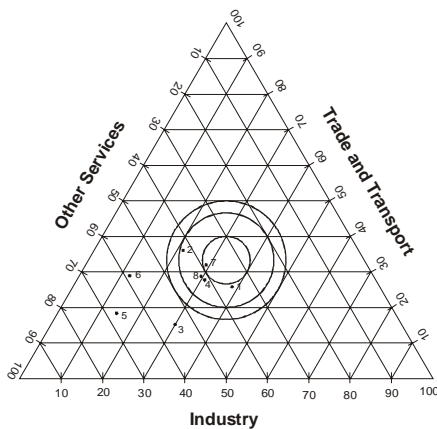
C : Highly Dominant towns :



Note : - Ind.-Industry, T.T.-Trade & Transport, O.S. – other services.

Conclusions

The district of Osmanabad was having eight towns in 2001. It is inferred that the town such as Paranda were balanced and Osmanabad, Kalamb, Umarga and Bhum as the moderately balance towns. Other services as the moderately balanced function of towns. And Murum, Tuljapur and Naldurg as the highly dominant towns. Other services as the highly dominant function of towns.



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