

“Noreen Akram”



Noreen Akram is a 20 year girl, lives in Abbas Nagar Emin, Abad Gujranwala. While making lace with embellishments she told her story. Noreen has passed F.A exam privately and started stitching and lace making at home. She started working to meet the expenses of household but she gets a very small amount after working for long hectic day. She handed over all she earns to her mother to meet the household needs. She also stitches cloths but it also pays very low as she needs to speed up her work. She needs an electric sewing machine to do more work to earn more. She informed, “My parents are reluctant to send me alone from house, so I have to work inside home. I wanted to study more so could earn a good amount. Depending on middle man is very troublesome as he takes away major share of profit”.

Noreen has her own home but it is not worth living. There is only one room that serves as

a kitchen, a bedroom and sitting room. The same is also her work place. Just outside her home is a small ditch filled with dirty smelly water. Lack of benefits including pensions, insurance, safety and health protection is a major issue of her life and work along with other problems.

