

# “Sadia”

**S**adia is 24 years unmarried girl from Dhampat Road Kasur, working as homebased worker and engaged in Chik-Making (traditional blinds). While conducting interview with her she informed, “I have been doing this work since last 3 years, for 8 hours a day and enjoy no off day. I am middle pass and could not continue my study as we could not afford. Then I got training in this skill from my mother. By doing this hard work for long hours I earn just Rs. 1200 to 1500 per month”.

Sadia lives in a 2 marl small rental house with only one room in it which used for all living purposes. Gas supply and clean drinking water is not available to her family. Just outside her home is a small ditch filled with dirty smelly water.

Sadia is not attached with any of social organizations to get information on marketing trends, price of products in the market and skill of bargaining with the middle men and the shopkeepers. She knows a little about these organizations but feels no use of these bodies. She has never taken part in the activities of such organizations and does not know about the facilities of social securities, neither availed any of these.

Sadia does not know about government welfare and financial schemes for labor.

When asked about her issues, needs and problems, a Pandora box of her complaints was opened, “I have a constant pain in my shoulder and my eye side is going to weaker and weaker by doing this work. I have given a little return of my work and we are unable to face ever-increasing prices of utility and food items. I am not satisfied with my work as it pays nothing worthwhile. We are not mobile due to our family traditions and local conveyance problems. In shout I need more work with reasonable wages, the only solution of my problems”.

