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**THE HEALTH CONDITION OF TEA LABOURERS IN ASSAM:
AN ANALYSIS****Priyanka Hazarika¹**¹Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Gauhati University, Assam, India.**ABSTRACT**

The tea industry, the single largest industry in Assam, is mainly labour-oriented. A large section of people is engaged in this sector. The total population of tea labour community is estimated to be about 20% of total population of Assam. But as per Assam Human Development Report of 2003, the health status of the tea labourers is much below the state average. It has been observed that the labourers have been facing multiple deprivations such as poor health care, malnutrition, illiteracy, poverty, unhygienic living habit etc. The tea planters usually try to exploit them in every possible way for sucking their own profits. Therefore, there is a need to improve the living condition of tea labourers who are an unavoidable part of our economy without whom economic development of Assam become stabled.

The main objectives of this paper are-

- 1) To observe the existing health conditions of tea labourers in Assam.
- 2) To study the public health care services available among them.
- 3) To suggest some remedial measures to improve the situation.

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