

# Review of: "Weathering changes – livelihood adaptation to weather shocks in rural India by disadvantaged social groups"

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read and review this interesting paper exploring a relevant and important topic. I particularly liked the focus on the impact of slow-onset environmental change on migration patterns, which is hard to measure, as well as incorporating the role of social networks, which are very relevant. The focus on disadvantaged social groups is, as the authors claim, understudied and especially important, as research indicates these groups may be most impacted by climate change. Therefore, the combination of these foci seem novel and pertinent to current policy and I applaud the authors for their focus on them.

I have a couple of small comments and suggestions for improvement below. These are mainly about how the disadvantaged social groups are defined and discussed in the paper.

- Apologies if I missed this but I was unclear what the Backward Class (OBC) meant in the research context and I would have appreciated further explanation of this.
- As I think another reviewer has commented on as well, I was also a bit confused around the difference between scheduled castes, groups, and tribes. Whilst the differences are set out in the text, it could be useful to have further explanation as to what this means for the research and why scheduled castes are focused on in the paper.
- A small formatting comment - Just to make sure it is clear that SCs and STs are referring to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, I would recommend putting the abbreviation in brackets after the first time you mentioned them.