





Population: 7,739,000 Religion: Hinduism

Christian: 0% Language: Hindi



The Kahar are farmers and are engaged in small businesses — restaurants, fabric shops, fruit and egg stalls. They can be found working for Indian Railways, state transport corporations and staterun primary schools. They also work as rickshaw-pullers, carpenters, basket weavers, boatmen and fishermen.

Child labor is prevalent. In Bengal, the children work as cowherds and servants on annual contract, while in Delhi the poorer Kahar send their sons to work at tea stalls, motor garages or factories.

Daughters assist their mothers in cleaning dishes for others.

Kahar women have a secondary status to the men, but they help out in the fields and in animal husbandry by collecting fuel, fodder and water and managing all of the household chores.

Pray the Kahar community will be able to raise their standard of living, and be well equipped for the challenges of the 21st century.