

KAMLA FOUNDATION UK

MICRO ENTERPRISE PROJECT – CASE STUDIES

Study 6



Bio Data

Name: Mrs. N. Radha

Age: 38

Status: Widow.

Background: Studied up to 8th
Std. two children.

MEP: Street **Idli** Shop

I was married to my relative at the age of 17. We have two children, my daughter is married and my son is still at school. After 14 years of marriage, my husband, who was a mill worker, was knocked down by a bullock at a bullock festival, and died. Whilst my husband was alive we were content. After my husband's death, my family was faced with poverty, often going without food.

Then I decided to start an Idli (Rice cakes) Shop in front of my house. I started it with my own utensils, which looked old and ugly so that many people hesitated to buy. Now I am a member of the SHG started by the Ford Trust. The Committee members realised the difficulties I was facing and decided to support me with a grant of INR. 3000 (£40) to buy new utensils and other materials.

Now, I am able to earn no less than INR. 50 to 60 (75p) per day. My son, who was going to leave school, is now continuing with his studies with the hope of going on to higher education. I plan to extend my business with additional investment and convert it into a small Snack Bar with tea making facilities.

I am very thankful to the Kamla Foundation and also to the Ford Trust who gave me this opportunity to lead my life independently.