REIMAGINING THE GOOD CITY FROM ENNORE CREEK

 Interview Transcription

Interview Information

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Interviewee Information

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GV: Generally what means in this Ennore place we are doing this research like how a good city should bee we are talking with all the people like how this place was at past and how is it at present and how it will be in the future that people are wanting so like that

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Karen: when did you came here ?

Respondent : we came here at 90 s we vacated and came here

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Karen : so they told to vacate the place can you tell about that ?

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Respondent : to when they said about vacating the place i didn't had much knowledge because i was small age it would be around 5 to six years in my 6 years only i came here now its 41 years for me

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Karen: did your father was given job ?

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Respondent : yes they gave job , land and everything

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Karen : how much lad they gave

Respondent : 3 cent of land

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GV: so you lived there know do you have any memories of that place can you share them ?

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Respondent : cashew nut farm , sea, sea area sea side only nice good air , sia side , good air , agriculture

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Respondent : is cambara is inside that sir ?

Karen : no just voice to for writing so for future purpose to write we are recording

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GV: not like that and all we are just a educational institution taking just for research what your saying will be taken only in news paper who writs any article we dont

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Respondent : that only sir cashew nut farm, agriculture , niece good air after coming here only pollution control is high no air is fresh inside house its ok

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Karen: what is your work ?

Respondent : contract work

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GV: what contractor ?

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Respondent : civil mechanic contractor

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GV: oh civil mechanic contractor which means they build buildings and all

Respondent : yes constructing building and that welding work

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Keren : Your father is still alive ?

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 Respondent : no he died

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GV: did your father worked in EB?

Respondent : yes father worked in EB and died mother also died

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Keren: how is this place is for you ?

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Respondent : here ? it is good no issues nice income generating place

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Keren: is income generating place ?

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Respondent : yes madam all the place when ever we go there is company only we can work any where

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GV: so then you get contract or work in these company

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Respondent : well get some time there will be more politics, local politics loke that who ever have more political influence they will be more

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GV: so what type of contract they will give which means what kind of work you receive ?

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Despondent : work in like building work pulse drainage work and after repairing work pipe line welding and cutting like that .

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Keren: so you told this place has good source of income you get job everywhere you go do get job in big big company or in private ?

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Respondent : private! Private company only Madam

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Keren: no no ! small small company or you telling in big Nuclear station ?

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GV: Anna you told that you receiving contract when did you receive in small households or in big private companies

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Respondent : not in the house ! not housing work company work

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GV: not in house work only in company work only ?

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Respondent : Indian oil petroleum private limited

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GV: oh! You are doing in indian oil ?other than that?

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Respondent : then indian oil , chettinad company , pole yard

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Keren: do you get job if you go there

Respondent : yes

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GV: in pole yard what kind of work you have ?

Respondent : cleaning work like that based on contract something we will get

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Keren : so that the place is good ? so since the time you reached here you see any development ?

**05:05 ( 5min)**

Respondent : yes ! first these houses were alai veedu , there were no road there were no road facilities

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Keren : who put there things and all

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Respondent : All was done by panchayath only

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GV: now ! when you came here they only gave you land only ?

Respondent: they only gave land and road was on thar road they put it was like one place their road and some place it had cement road now its keep on changing .

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GV: then you only builded the house ?

Respondent : yes ! my father only constructed olla veedu only here it was fully olla vedu every house

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GV: so then only little by little the builded new houses !

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GV: now when you came here they told that they will give patta to houses ?

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Respondent : they told they will give patta but still they didn't given

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GV: not yet given ? but you took some measures to get it ?

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Respondent : we took some measures they told they will give there is irular patta there is a patta they told dont want they it was stopped

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GV: it is irular Patta ?

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Respondent : EDO ilavasa Patta we have given a good land why we should give free patta hence they have stopped that if you give given with Cmmda approval or else stop .

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GV: when they told that they will give free patta ?

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Respondent : recently before five years

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Keren: why you reduced it ?

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Respondent : that is no usage

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Keren: many fishermen received that only

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Respondent : fishermen will get madam if it is needed for them government they will occupy that one

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GV: so what they say is if it is free patta you cant do anything ?

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Respondent : nothing no loan and any thing is eligible for any thing it is not eligible for anything

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Keren: but if you have that one no one can they cant displace you there

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Resonated : it is that they can displace if it is CMD or MMD approved they cant displace

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GV: so if it is free patta they can take the land

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Respondent : yes yes

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Keren: why did they gave that alone only

Respondent : because that only easy allot fast and issue

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Keren: first when they ask you to come here they told that they will give patta ?

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Respondent : they told at beginning that they will give patta but now they are not in a situation to give patta they are telling that they will give patta but often officers changes they change often

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GV: they told that they will give before five years that one you went and asked for it for what

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Respondent: yes we went and asked with entire community ?

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GV: entire community went ? how you went with through leaders or how ?

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Respondent: with community leader and all the entire community went

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GV: no entire community community means everyone will go together only know how was the initiative happened ?

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Respondent : through saba for the people they will give letter after everything it they will inform when they will say people who agree only they will see but expected people didnt come

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Respondent : so our community leader taking step regarding this but revenue is delaying

GV: they are saying that they passed resolution on the grama saba and after that they have given to the government that is the five years ago the entire village went and demanded for patta the government was ready to give so they don't want the free patta .

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Keren: so originally when you came here how many people came? Or all were given land ?

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Respondent : six hundred and half people they gave

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GV: here six hundred and half plots everything same group

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Keren: all were same group all of you lived in same place there ?

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Respondent : yes they shifted like that same

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GV: still there is that six hundred families ?

Respondent : six hundred and twenty five families and fir them road street light was arranged i a good quality with the help of EB with drinking water was given in recount drinking water was stopped and panchayat is only doing that

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Keren: ok ! then that six hundred and change families everyone has builded or constructed their house

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Respondent: everyone has built

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Keren: everyone is still staying here

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Respondent : all few people are stay some people sale their land and go for some reasons like schools

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Keren: After coming here whether they have become wealthy ?

Respondent: hmm! Yes they good wealthy they have

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R: one minute Madam !

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GV: you talk

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(GV: now you told know from that village to this place how was this place for you ?)

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Respondent : sorrending was fully jungle ( thorn jungle) salt was produced some 100 to 150 metres

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GV: so when you came here there were salt production happening here ?

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Respondent : yes! Here they will dig soil soil, put lay out pakka put stone and inform this for land they will separately forest

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GV: so at the time when you came here were salt production happening here ?

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Respondent : yes ! now there is no more salt pans here

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GV: what happened to the salt pans ?

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Respondent : all that BBC bunk bareth petroleum

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GV: yes that bareth petroleum is there

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Respondent : industrial petroleum then all these just came in recent day just 10 years

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GV: so it came in recount time so it is these days build in salt pans it was petrol bunk or companies ?

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Respondent: company

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GV: so bareth petroleum and hindustan petroleum then ?

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Respondent : yes! That's all

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GV: so in front of your eyes everything happened ?

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Respondent : yes in front my eyes only everything happened

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Keren : so in that six hundred and half family house many of them got jobs in EB ?

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Respondent : everyone !

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Respondent : more than six hundred and twenty five people got eb jobs only

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Keren: so here fully you people only stayed then it has changed if any new people came ?

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Respondent : yes ! people who don't like will sell and go to different place so far like that 50 lands has been sold hundred lands houses been sold .

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GV: why do they sell and go ?

Respondent : so they sale and they are shifting for their children livelihood

12:04

GV: so here children don't get jobs ?

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Respondent : many local children are not getting jobs they don't get job here only out side people get job usually children of here don't have access of quality employment

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Keren : even if they are educated ?

Respondent : yes even if they are educated all are BE , ME

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Keren: why because of the caste ?

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Respondent : yes! Because of the community

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GV: no they are saying local problem

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Respondent : no community is not responsible people who are here ME,MBA,BA,Bcom ,Bsc all are have quality educated children here it self they are doctor all are studied in quality wise but they don't gent job in nearest company they are giving a good officer rank in job but only person who is coming from outside they are giving

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Keren:from here people are going to Madras for jobs ?

Respondent : yes people are going to Madras for IT company

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GV: so Anna you told that when you came here everyone only received EB jobs

Respondent : yes EB job and 500 rupees salary this five hundred was at the beginning for EB staff

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GV: they gave place you received job but today there is no employment of people in the community

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Respondent : they don't get person who is EB staff here their sons have quality job but here the higher officials and go in ranks only supervisor work only they get the staff and childrens

GV: they don't get it ?

Respondent : they are not giving

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GV: so peron who received EB job before also their children don't get job

Keren : permanent job for everyone ?

Respondent : yes permanent job now EB staff will be doing they dye their children will receive some job like wise it will go then if there is two are three children in home in company any house keeping work maintenance work any one job they like superior or officer rank they don't get some one will come new

GV: newly good jobs they don't get ?

Respondent :no they are not getting good jobs all are well educated childrens only they study here and go out in city and getting quality jobs

GV: so because of there is no employment opportunity here people are vacating to other places ?

Respondent : no not like that not vacating

GV: vacating the place means they cant stay here ?

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Keren: they will sell and go

Respondent : they will do sales and go or else those who want to stay they will stay

GV: ok! Now what do think about {occupational (or) employment} growth weather it was good or bad?

Respondent : tholil valarchi is good

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GV: but you don't get job how will you see that ?

Respondent:that what we can do sir by seeing that just we should adjust and go

GV: for you there is any feeling that you gave your land and you came here but you dont get job do you feel for it ?

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Responsenet : feelings will be heavy sir feelings that cant be forgotten they are more

GV: really ? can you share them

Respondent : no that and all cant say

GV: no ! just to record

Respondent: not like that sir its that's all the feeling is all we are staying here only but didn't get job that thinking will be weather its you or me

GV: so people from outside gets job but inside people don't have job ?

Respondent : yes sir ! what means we are here nearby

GV: so now your village is what are the things you have represented one thing you told about patta but only free patta like wise have you given any letters ?

Respondent: so many letters we have given

GV: so many letters you have given ah ?

Respondent : many letters through the village authority we have given

GV: who will be in the village authority ?

Respondent : village authority consist of 10 members the thalaivar ( leader) panchayat thalaivar Vadivelu and kadhiervelu

GV: this is ward or separate ward ?

Respondent : this is ward that is also ward Aathipattu panchayat ward

GV: this is Athipattu panchayat

Respondent : 10th ward 9th and 12th ward

GV: so in Athipattu panchayat 10th ,9th and 12th ward where is the 11th ward ?

Respondent : 11 is this

GV: this one is only 11

GV: then how many ward is here ?

Respondent : 4 wards

Keren : so 4 ward is that Athipattu pudu Nagar

GV: Athipattu panchayat so these are the wards of Athipattu panchayat! how many Anna

Respondent : eight nine and ten and eleven and twelve

GV: so from here there will be four panchayat leaders among them there is any common leader for village ?

Respondent : there is no one like village leader sir ! village leader means only officer they are EB staff they will been going for work

GV: he will be gone for work ? if we want to see means when we can meet him ?

Respondent : you can meet him on sunday

GV: their name ?

Respondent : there is no village leader he is a office bearer cant say his name separately

GV; no that person name ?

Respondent : no we cant conformity tell that the person for now my elder brother is also a office bearer me myself x ward member

GV: oh ! you have been a ward member at past ?

 Respondent : yes x ward member then also people are there but we cant tell or point out any individual person

GV; now you have been a ward member so what things you have done in this ward in you period ?

Respondent : light ,cleaned drainage that only we did

GV: that only you did ?

Respondent : yes

Keren : you have underground drainage facilities here ?

Respondent : no here is no underground facilities only open drainage

Keren: where its going ?

Respondent : it goes to river only in Ennore Kosaithali rever

Keren : So for you underground drainage will come ?

Respondent : underground drainage is conformity here madam but they are delaying

GV: now you have been a ward member what things you have represented one thing you told about patta

Respondent : that only i told sir what ever we did is that only now they have told 6 months time 3 to 6 months time or else we will fight

Keren: is water facilities come for home ?

Respondent : we get madam

Keren: through tap you get water

Respondent : yes madam

GV: now according to how should a good city should be ?how this place should be in the future what is you dream about this place not only just place abut the children and can say about overall

Respondent : Here, how sir, is there a future for children ? here there was agriculture land and family fully we should go to agriculture area

GV: do you think agriculture is only good ?

Respondent : we are doing agriculture in 15 acres sir

GV: o really where ?

Respondent : in my mother and law side

GV: where it is ?

Respondent : Devaganam near that sir ranganatha perumal temple

20:05 (5min)

GV: what distance ?

Respondet : from here 15 kilometres

GV: its near only ?

Respondent : near only

Keren : you like to be there only ?

Respondent : there only madam will go and come regularly because children are studying in school tomorrow we will go temple

Keren : so you don't like city ? agriculture

Respondent : agriculture only

Keren : because here i pollution is high ?

Respondent : pollution is high if we stay also people are not good here

GV: people are not good why do you say like that ?

Respondent : Rowdyism is more sir here rowdy boys are more peron from somewhere will come for job here likewise in our time we have seen in future boys are next level

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GV: is people are coming here from different place ?

Respondent : Burma nagar , Ennore people from these place

GV: really ? people from these place come here ?

Respondent : yes! They will all come for work sir , person who is coming here is good only sir here some situation will change them

GV: what situation ?

Respondent : they will work sir if they are not given salary they will go differently after it they say that they are earning this much we should beat him and take from them they will plan like that that only sir some humans are good some humans may not be good .

GV: so now people from other areas come here and they staying ?

Respondent : All sir ! many of them taking rent house many people stay here

GV: rent! House means ? people who came from out ?

Respondent : yes ! people who come from out side

GV: but what happened to people who live here ?

Respondent : people are staying here

Keren : people who rented their house ?

Respondent : the rent and leave for others area they also build 3 to 4 floors where they dont they leave it for rent and they stay at top .

Keren : now in this Athipattu pudhu nagar if you take in the 40 years there world have been many changes what are the positive changes and what are the negative changes

Respondent : Good changes means now what are the things changed till now are good changes only madam not more than that bad things are still patta have not come then

Keren: you told that people are not good ?

Respondent : it is usual only know madam in cities also it will be the same if we stay in nagar or cities every where the situation is same madam it is usual thing children are not good means that in their friends circle children are not good ganja is more even small children are spoiled of it with that with children we have to go as we are if we go freerely it is for us sir in city it is all over every where police

Keren : do you think that pollution has increased more ?

Respondent : pollution is compulsory high madam there is nothing without pollution madam that company dust will not fall on us it will go on Athipattu this campany dust will not affect us due to its high and longness it will go long till 5 kilometres away and it will fall it will not fall here if at all it comes means lightly it falls like dust .

GV: when you came here that dust particles were falling here ?

Respondent : when we came here this company was not here sir now only since 10 years it came

GV: So you in last 30 years told about positive changes, what are they ?

Respondent :good changes are they have put roads good water facilities its nice and neat positive changes means road facilities , water and drainage they clean often panchayat is working good that only

GV: negative changes manes many new people are coming

Respondent : negative changes means that some pollution that only not any other thing

Keren : what you said ?

GV: pollution

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GV: so when you came here what community people were ?

Respondent : what community ?

GV: no in community vise if we see what type of people were here

Respondent : here SC,BC,Mbc

GV: sc,bc,mbc only 3 of them

Respondent : no other than that

Keren: but some irular also here ?

Respondent : yes Irulars are there sir around 10 families 15 , 20 land for them

GV: now there are BC and MBC now weather they are the people who have been in Ennore or they came newly

25:00 (5min)

Respondent : no no they already have been here .

Keren : Irular also came from different place ?

Respondent : no Irular people were living here form past

GV: so the person who gave the land is moved to BC category

Respondent : For Irulars only this place here 10 -20 land they only total sales only 5 people are here .

GV: so they only done total sales here ?

Respondent : yes! They will not stay constant in a place here and there they will be going and staying

GV: So other community people didn't sell ?

Respondent : no ! my self bought four lands we bought this that one there is a traditional land which is there near that we have four land

GV: whose this land ? Irulars ?

Respondent : this is ours only we simply left it for rent

GV: no you told that you bought from who ?

Respondent : no no that is Sc

GV: here there is flag pole that one is belongs to your sangam ?

Respondent : where sir

GV: there was a flag pole

GV: Ambedkar ah ? yes

GV: Is it your association ? do you have an association ?

Respondent : no sir ! it is there it is not like association boys told to me i only did that artist work in my own expense

GV: oh you only did that one ?

Respondet : down my name only will be there

GV: so we saw know while we are coming that photo he only has sponsored it

Keren : ask him about the other big association ? thats not here we also spoke about it in morning

GV: that is not here

Respondent : Meenjoor and all done survey sir

GV: No No ! we start form Ennore ,Ernavur it there know And AIR nagar

Respondent : what is the reason you take this sir ?

GV: generally we use this for research form college why because usually there are more development plans come so when these development plans comes so officers only will plan it so what we think what officers plan will not reflect the peoples concern so people should plan and record a draft like people plan if its there means it will be good for all people so in that ways especially how was it at past ? How is it now ? and tomorrow how people wanted it to be so according to this we are doing a research it will be coming as a research article .

Respondent : ok sir ! what you will have sir tea , coffee ?

Keren : no just now we had .its fine

GV: just now we had our lunch

Respondent : whare sir

GV: here there is that Minjur bhavan

Respondent : Minjur vasantha bhavan ah ?

GV: yes that one where it will be like getting down and going just now we had lund

Respondent : had lunch ?

GV: yes !

GV: then that association simply joined ?

Respondent : yes everything like group travel that time boys will ask all small small boys age of 20-15 they asked so they did

GV: so now that association through it you gave many petition that petition who did you gave do you have a copy ?

Respondet : that copy is with one person form our side its hard to get

GV: its hard to get ?

Respondent : in village they will speak very harshly they will tell like he is doing something

 What happened ?

Keren : god! You got hurt

Respondent : wait i will clean where you got hurt here ?

GV: Anna how many times you have taken measures like that ?

Respondent : one in a year sir

GV: you ask patta every year once ?

Respondent : compulsory patta only sir full need and source of life if patta is there means all people will be good everyone will put bank loan, every one will pay emi and get what they have to get

Keren : there are many companies which came here weather its good for you ?

Respondent : for us thats all madam its good only what else we can do

Kereen : from there you were shifted here is your life is good ?

Respondent : good there if i would stay there would be good and here it is also good madam

GV: But you don't have any sad feelings about it ?

 Respondent : it gone ! once it over its over but we should start new

Keren : but by coming its good why are you telling ?

Respondent : why because children and travelling was due to train transport there is train and bus we we want to go out we can return home on time there transport was we have to cross the river through boat

30:05 ( 5min )

GV: that my house also it happens my children also do this

Respondent :they will start fighting in some time

Keren; so thank you so much for your time