

# Indebtedness in Rural India: The Contribution of Cognitive Skills and Personality Traits

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## Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

Since more than a decade, there has been increasing interest in psychology in economics literature, especially through personality traits and cognitive skills (PT&CS). The relevance of such analysis in economics is well documented in the literature. Hanushek and Woessmann (2008) shows that cognitive skills are correlated with individual earnings, distribution of income and economic growth and other factors such as well-functioning economic institutions –although enter into growth and may well have stronger effects, may also amplify the effects of cognitive skills. Regarding personality traits, Borghans, Duckworth, Heckman, and ter Weel (2008) examines, for instance, the relevance of personality traits in economics. They show that psychological variables are a good predictor of socioeconomic success and especially on labour market<sup>1</sup>. Institutions such as World Bank collecting more and more data<sup>2</sup> on PT&CS because it enable a better understanding of skill requirements in the labor market, backward linkages between skills acquisition and educational achievement, personality, and social background, and forward linkages between skills acquisition and living standards, reductions in inequality and poverty, social inclusion, and economic growth (Valerio, Sanchez Puerta, Pierre, Rajadel, & Monroy Taborda, 2014).

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<sup>1</sup>For further details see Almlund, Duckworth, Heckman, and Kautz (2011).

<sup>2</sup>As stated by Laajaj and Macours (2019), the World Bank alone spent 1 billion USD a year.

Cognitive skills represent the mental processes involved in the acquisition of knowledge, manipulation of information, and reasoning that include the domains of perception, memory, learning, attention, decision making, and language abilities (Kiely, 2014) while personality is the dynamic organization within the individual of those psychophysical systems that determine his characteristics behavior and thought (Allport, 1961). The Big-5 model constitute the main personality trait taxonomy<sup>3</sup>. It identify five dimensions of personality: neuroticism –or emotional stability– (the capacity to experience negative emotions); extraversion (the capacity to experience positive emotions, the tendency to seek stimulation and company from others); openness to experience (capacity to be creative and unstructured); agreeableness (perceptions of others that are caring, compassionate, and altruistic); conscientiousness (capacity to display self-discipline, act dutifully, and strive for achievement against measures or outside expectations).

Studies in economics focuses on the role of skills on labour market and especially on income gap, performance at work and type of work or education through educational attainment, course grades or standardized achievement test scores but few researcher have been interested in the relationship with household finances while it is a growing area of interest. First, household are more implicated in financial decision such as privatization of retirement pension, liberalization of loan market, increase in credit purchase, which are more complicated because of financial innovation (Guiso & Sodini, 2013). Second, financial inclusion policies focus on credit as a potential tool for business creation, improved access to education and health, enhanced decision-making and women's empowerment. It constitute the main focus of the World Bank Group's Universal Financial Access 2020 initiative and featured as a target in eight of the 17 goals of sustainable development goals. Nevertheless, it is a known fact that debt and credit are two sides of the same coin: If the investment goes well, debt is protective and productive (which it is called credit) but if it goes wrong –if the return on investment is less than the cost of the loan, or is obtained too late, if the debt is only used to make ends meet (Guérin, Michiels, Natal, Nordman, & Venkatasubramanian, 2021)– the debt can be source of impoverishment and destruction. The choice of terms reflects ambivalence of terms (Peebles, 2010).

Research build a bridge between household finance and individual skills through the notion of financial literacy which measure how well an individual can understand and use personal finance-related information (Gaurav & Singh, 2012; Hastings, Madrian, & Skimmyhorn, 2013; Huston, 2010; Klapper, Lusardi, & Panos, 2012) but the few studies that have focused on household finance mainly investigate the risk aversion, financial distress, savings and debt. Nga and Yien (2013) show that conscientiousness, openness to experience and agreeableness are corre-

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<sup>3</sup>Among the theories of personality, the traits can be defined as thought, emotion and habitual patterns of behavior (Kassin, 2003).

lated with risk aversion, cognitive biases and socially responsible investing for undergraduate students of Malaysia. For 4,000 individuals from Netherland, [Pinjisakikool \(2017\)](#) shows that all the Big-5 personality traits are good predictor of financial risk tolerance as [Bucciol and Zarri \(2017\)](#) that shows that agreeableness, cynical hostility and anxiety are good predictor of financial risk taking for 11,000 individuals from USA (negative correlation). In terms of financial distress, [Agarwal and Mazumder \(2013\)](#) shows that individuals with high math scores are less likely to make financial distress in USA. [Parise and Peijnenburg \(2019\)](#) are one of the only who deal with causality. Using instrumental variable<sup>4</sup> on Dutch dataset, they shows that people in the bottom quintile of personality traits are 10 times more likely to experience financial distress than those in the top quintile. Regarding saving behaviour, [Gerhard, Gladstone, and Hoffmann \(2018\)](#) decompose 3,000 individuals from UK in two groups (striving and established) and find that agreeableness is negatively correlated with total household savings for both groups and the effect is stronger for the striving than for the established. [Nyhus and Webley \(2001\)](#) shows that extraversion is negatively correlated with savings for 1,300 individuals from Netherland and they shows that emotional stability is positively correlated with debt. [Brown and Taylor \(2014\)](#) finds that extraversion and agreeableness are positively associated with the level of debt held while conscientiousness is negatively correlated with the level of unsecured debt for 10,000 individuals of UK and [Forlicz and Rólczyński \(2019\)](#) shows differences between debtors and debt-free individuals in terms of conscientiousness, honesty, attitude towards money and shopping for 3,700 individuals from Poland, Spain, Romania and Italy.

To our knowledge, no articles has looked at personality trait<sup>5</sup> and cognitive skills on debt in India (nor even in developing countries) while understand the relationship is essential in the Indian context because of the uniqueness of indebtedness. Debt represent more than money, it is a social link where individual defining them and thinking of them according to their indebtedness and indebtedness relationship are closely nested in social relationship ([Guérin, 2014](#)). Recent crisis such as microfinance crisis ([Nair, 2011; Sriram, 2010](#)), demonetisation ([Guérin, Lanos, Michiels, Nordman, & Venkatasubramanian, 2017](#)) or lockdown ([Guérin, Michiels, et al., 2021; Guérin, Mouchel, & Nordman, 2021](#)) has highlighted the importance of furthering our understanding of indebtedness at individual and household level in India.

Since the 80's, the incidence of indebtedness increase for rural and urban households (respectively from 19 to 32% and from 17 to 22%) with an increasing in the share of household indebted to formal (or institutional) sources (11 to 17%) and informal sources<sup>6</sup> (10 to 19%)

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<sup>4</sup>They instruments conscientiousness and emotional stability with childhood trauma.

<sup>5</sup>[Michiels, Nordman, and Seetahul \(2021\)](#) interesting in the link between PT&CS and labour mobility. [Dasgupta, Mani, Sharma, and Singhal \(2020\)](#) interesting in the disparities in terms of PT&CS between castes.

<sup>6</sup>In part due to the economic and financial sector reforms of 1991: <http://indiabefore91.in/1991-economic>

(Rajakumar, Mani, Shetty, & Karmarkar, 2019). As we discuss in section 2.1, this number is largely under-estimate (Jones, 1994) and micro-level studies indicates incidence of debt around 80-90% (Drèze, Lanjouw, & Sharma, 1997; Guérin, D'Espallier, & Venkatasubramanian, 2013; Jones, 1994; Reboul, Guérin, & Nordman, 2021). The average amount of debt per household strongly increased between 1951 and 2012 (from 83 INR to 32,522 INR) with an increasing in the share of formal debt (from 7 to 56% for rural households) and, thus, a decreasing in the share of traditional informal debt (from 93 to 43% for rural households) (Rajakumar et al., 2019).

The situation is not homogenous among individuals, many disparities coexist between caste and gender. Guérin et al. (2013) show that the caste affect borrowing strategies as amount, type and source of debt in rural Tamil Nadu, India. Dalits, have higher incidence of indebtedness but borrow smaller amounts and more frequently from ambulant lenders (Guérin et al., 2013). They borrow less for economic reason than non-dalits but more for household expenditures (Guérin et al., 2013; Guérin, Roesch, Venkatasubramanian, & Kumar, 2014). Finally, they have the lower access<sup>7</sup> to bank loans while it offer “the best conditions financially speaking” (low interest rate, higher amounts, long duration) (Chavan, 2007; Guérin et al., 2013). Over gender, Reboul et al. (2021) show that the relative amount of debt is higher for female than for male while male earn much more. Moreover, female in the poorest households have the highest borrowing responsibilities and dalit female tend to face higher debt burdens than non-dalit one. In terms of use, male borrow more for economic investment while female more for daily survival and debt repayment (Reboul et al., 2021).

Disparities in terms of debt is one aspect of inequalities between caste and gender. Another important concerns is find in aspirations. Mukherjee (2017) show that gender and caste primes can significantly affect long run aspirations and beliefs. Alvi, Ward, Makhija, and Spielman (2019) use priming<sup>8</sup> to study the effect of identity salience on aspirations. They find that when female are primed on gender, they exhibit higher aspirations for their daughters and low-case female primed on caste are more aspirational for their daughters. Last, Sarkar, Chakravorty, and Lyonette (2020) show that caste and gender work as double jeopardy instead of intersectionality for aspirations. Indeed, the most socially disadvantaged groups have significantly lower income aspiration when compared to Other Backward Class and Other Caste participants and female

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<sup>7</sup>In part, because of they does not have necessary guarantee (i) such as good land (irrigated one and good location), specific know-how (ii), or because they self-excluded themselves because dalits are persuaded to fail (Guérin et al., 2013).

<sup>8</sup>Priming, in cognitive psychology, is “the effect in which recent experience of a stimulus facilitates or inhibits later processing of the same or a similar stimulus.” – <https://dictionary.apa.org/priming>. Accessed June 21, 2021.

participants also have significantly lower aspiration than their male counterparts. Moreover, most socially disadvantaged female participants have lower income aspiration levels compared to other groups.

Beyond being a source of inequality, caste and gender seems to deeply impact individuals by conditioning them. In this context it appears important to investigate the role of PT&CS on indebtedness in take into account the deepness of this social identity.

Thus, in a context marked by numerous crises, where indebtedness –and all that it represents on the social level– is predominant with growing inequalities, study the relationship with PT&CS appears full of meaning. In this article we investigate how PT&CS shape indebtedness situation? (i) and more finely, how the PT&CS varies across the indebtedness distribution? (ii). Then, we analyse how PT&CS influences the debt trajectory (iii)? and how does debt change over time as PT&CS changes? (iv). At the same time, we try to capture the weight of social identity by investigating the contribution of PT&CS for each social groups: do individuals manage to differentiate themselves through their skills?

By providing descriptive and econometric empirical insights, this paper contributes to furthering our understanding of the determinants of individual indebtedness –which is rare and valuable in developing countries, as well as, contributing more generally to the expanding literature exploring the implications of PT&CS for economic outcomes.

The rest of the article is organised as follow: section 2 is devoted to data and methodology, then, in section 3 we discuss some descriptive statistics to highlight the weight of social identity before exploring and discussing the relationship between PT&CS and indebtedness in section 4.

## 2 Data and methodology

### 2.1 Data

Our empirical analysis is based on the NEEMESIS-1 & NEEMESIS-2 (Networks, Employment, dEbt, Mobilities and Skills in India Survey) surveys carried out respectively in 2016-17, and 2020-21 ([Nordman, Guérin, Michiels, Natal, & Venkatasubramanian, 2019](#); [Nordman et al., 2017](#)). This survey was the second and third waves of a longitudinal data collection project start in 2010 with RUME (RURAL Microfinance and Employment survey) project in ten villages of Tamil Nadu. Located in the Cuddalore and Villupuram districts, a mostly agricultural area, economies benefits from the proximity of two large industrial towns (Neyveli and Cuddalore) and a regional business center (Panruti).

RUME randomly selected 405 households using stratified sample framework based on three

dimensions: proximity to small towns (Panruti, Villupuram and Cuddalore), an agro-ecological criterion, and caste affiliation. Thus, half of villages are irrigated (the other half have dry lands) and within villages, half of the sample was selected from the mostly upper and middle caste part of the village (Ur) while the other half from the Colony part, where dalits (the ex-untouchables) mainly live. NEEMSIS-1 recovered 388 households (4.19% attrition rate) and randomly selected 104 news households (for a total of 492 households) from these 10 villages, based on the same method. NEEMSIS-2 recovered 485 households (1.42% attrition rate) from 2016-17 and recovered 10 households from 2010 that were not recovered in 2016-17. Moreover, 100 news households were randomly selected (for a total of 595 households).

In NEEMSIS-1 & NEEMSIS-2, two household members, called “ego 1” (mostly household questionnaire respondent) and “ego 2” (one younger household member randomly selected on a criterion of age), are directly addressed individual questionnaires that provide for instance a range of information on PT&CS.

NEEMSIS’s surveys stands out from other Indian data sources such as the All India Debt and Investment Survey (AIDIS), as it has the rare and valuable advantage of recording debt at the individual level (identifying the person who went to the lender and borrowed in her own name).

Regarding the reliability, the great expertise of the team<sup>9</sup>, helped to formulate questions appropriately. This for instance involved using particular terms that are less degrading than the generic term “debt” lists of the main local lenders, and asking indirect questions. As stated by [Reboul et al. \(2021\)](#) (who used the same data sets) “data accuracy is [...] reflected by an incidence of indebtedness found higher than in the estimates of the nation-wide AIDIS: 99% of households are in debt in our case study, as opposed to 30% in rural Tamil Nadu in 2012 according to the AIDIS ([NSSO, 2014](#)).”

Moreover, the moderate magnitude of the survey, compared to nationally representative datasets, ensures the high quality of the data and the tablet-based mode of data collection improved data quality in including constraints on answers to prevent inconsistencies.

## 2.2 Construction of personality traits & cognitive skills variables

As stated earlier, our survey allow us to construct measures of cognitive skills. It include three score variables: literacy test, numeracy test and Raven progressive-matrices test<sup>10</sup>. These

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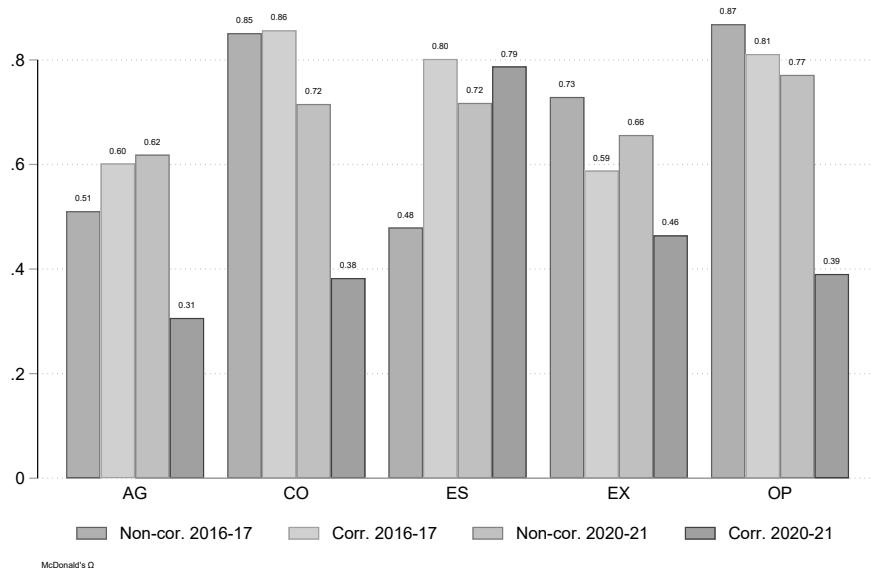
<sup>9</sup>Some members of the research team are present since more than 20 year on the region for numerous quantitative and qualitative surveys.

<sup>10</sup>Raven test is “a nonverbal test of mental ability consisting of abstract designs, each of which is missing one part. The participant chooses the missing component from several alternatives to complete each design.” – <https://dictionary.apa.org/ravens-progressive-matrices>. Accessed January 27, 2021.

scores are construct in adding up the correct answers of a set of four questions for literacy and numeracy (six for 2020-21) test and 36 for Raven. Then, we standardize the score to ensure comparability of results between personality traits and cognitive skills.

Regarding Big-5, on the basis of 35 questions, we averaged answers –based on a Likert scale from 1–“Almost Never” to 5–“Almost always”, that belong to a determined trait after correcting for acquiescence bias<sup>11</sup> (see Appendix B). The resulting mean represent the score on each traits.

McDonald's  $\Omega^{12}$ , a measure of internal consistency, are mostly satisfactory for 2016-17 data corrected from acquiescence bias: 0.81 for openness; 0.86 for conscientiousness; 0.59 for extraversion; 0.60 for agreeableness and 0.80 for emotional stability (see Figure 1). For 2020-21, the internal validity after correcting for acquiescence bias is not ideal compared to non-corrected items. It implies that results could suffer from measurement error, which would bias our results towards zero.



**Figure 1:** Internal consistency of Big-5 personality traits – Distribution of McDonald's  $\Omega$  through time and correction for 953 individuals in 2016-17 and 1,316 in 2020-21 from rural Tamil Nadu, India.

**Source:** NEEMSS-1 (2016-17) & NEEMSS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

As warned by Laajaj et al. (2019), the Big-Five taxonomy is limited in developing countries for several reasons: the enumerator-respondent interactions in face-to-face survey can induce a bias; the low education levels can make questions more difficult to understand and can induce a systematic response patterns, especially the acquiescence bias. The very good knownledge of the field (see section 2.1) allow us to collect data of high quality and avoid a bias due to

<sup>11</sup> Acquiescence bias represent the tendency to answer more in one direction (agree or disagree) over the other.

<sup>12</sup> Literature on internal consistency estimators increasingly agrees that Cronbach's  $\alpha$  –the most wide used estimator, is maybe not very efficient (Bourque, Doucet, LeBlanc, Dupuis, & Nadeau, 2019; Trizano-Hermosilla & Alvarado, 2016).

misunderstanding of questions. Moreover, we implement our own factor analysis of the 35 questions by principal component with promax rotation. To avoid a bias in factor analysis, we do not recode reverse questions because it might force likeness with Big-5 taxonomy. In our dataset, acquiescence bias is measured with a set of reverse questions that are supposed perfectly opposed to another set of questions. However, the assumption of opposition is supportable only in the Big-5 taxonomy, in another layout pairs of questions can measure different aspects of personality.

The resulting factors for 2016-17 data are relatively similar to the Big-5 personality traits with satisfactory McDonald's  $\Omega$ : Factor 1 as Openness-Extraversion ( $\Omega = 0.91$ ); Factor 2 as Conscientiousness ( $\Omega = 0.88$ ); Factor 3 as *Porupillatavan* –tamil terms for talkative, easily distracted individual– ( $\Omega = 0.69$ ); Factor 4 as Emotional stability ( $\Omega = 0.78$ ) and Factor 5 as Agreeableness ( $\Omega = 0.62$ ) (see Appendix B) while resulting factors for 2020-21 data are very different to the Big-5 taxonomy and to the 2016-17 factors.

To mitigate against the potential problem of life-cycle events –that might induce endogeneity through measurement error, we run univariate OLS regression with cognitive skills and personality traits as endogenous variables and age as exogenous variable. We standardised the resulting residuals and use it as skills measures net of life cycle influences (Brown & Taylor, 2014; Nyhus & Pons, 2005).

The exogeneity of PT&CS is well assumed because of stability over time while there is no consensus in psychology (Ardelt, 2000; Deary, 2014). Our data allow us to examine stability over time of PT&CS for 835 individuals of rural India.

For personality traits, according to Costa and McCrae (1997); McCrae et al. (2000) it remains stable, in part, because it is a genetic predisposition that, by definition, cannot be changed over life. Many economists<sup>13</sup> follow this path and the majority of them assume stability over time after the age of 25 and others verify this stability (Cobb-Clark & Tan, 2011). The stability refutes sociological and psychological literature which interesting in the influence of childhood and adulthood socialization on personality (Moen, Elder Jr., & Lüscher, 1995; Mortimer & Simmons, 1978). Following this path, Ardel (2000) state that “personality can change over the course of a person’s life, particularly if age at first measurement is low or over 50, if the retest interval is large, if individual personality aspects rather than the overall personality are considered, and if personality aspects other than the big five [...] traits are assessed.” Our results show a stability for minor part of the population (see Appendix A). Non-corrected traits, in addition to having

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<sup>13</sup>But not all, see Almlund et al. (2011); Borghans et al. (2008); Heckman (2011). As stated by Heckman (2011), “Personality traits are not set in stone. They change over the life cycle. They are a possible avenue for intervention and policy.”

globally (2016-17 and 2020-21) higher internal consistency (see Table 1) are less unstable over time without being able to relate stability.

Concerning cognitive skills, majority of individuals have higher –or equal– score in 2020-21 than in 2016-17 (see Appendix A) which corroborate with the lifelong learning theory. It is the continuing development of knowledge and skills that people experience after formal education and throughout their lives (London, 2011).

### 2.3 Indebtedness measures

There is no consensus in the literature to measure indebtedness but three approaches are often retained. Objective measures focus on the ability (or inability) to service or repay debts. Typically, it is the debt to income ratio, debt to asset ratio, debt service ratio. Although this is the most widely used measure, it under-estimate the burden of debt in ousting personal feeling and sacrifice associated with debt and over-indebtedness (Betti, Dourmashkin, Rossi, & Yin, 2007).

Subjectives measure assume that “individual households are the best judges of their own net debt/wealth position” (Betti et al., 2007). The robustness of the results are based on the degree of honesty and literacy of individuals that can make it, sometimes, less reliable (D’Alessio & Iezzi, 2013). As stated by Rinaldi and Sanchis-Arellano (2006) and Keese (2012), in general, objective measures align quite well with subjective measures at the household classification level.

Last, administrative measures treat indebtedness as “all cases where non-payment of debts have been registered officially or declared before a court” (Betti et al., 2007). In rural Indian context, this type of measures have little meaning since most of the debt is informal.

It is recommended to analyse indebtedness at household level because generally income is grouped between household members (Fondeville, Ozdemir, & Ward, 2010). However, in order to explore the role of individual characteristics such as PT&CS on indebtedness, we focus on two types of individual objective measures allowing us to understand the debt from three angles. First, we investigate the size of the individual debt with the total amount of individual debt taken out in her own name. Second, we investigate the burden of debt repayment with the individual debt service ratio (DSR). It represent the share of income required to cover the repayment of interest and principal on a debt for one year. We also complete the analysis with the probability for an individual to being in debt to capture the role of PT&CS on the incidence of debt.

## 2.4 Econometric framework

In order to better understand the relationship, our analysis take place in three step.

**How PT&CS shape individual debt?** In a first step, we use the five factor of 2016-17 factor analysis as personality traits ( $X'_i$ ) on individual debt of 2020-21 to understand how personality shapes individual debt. Our analysis faces non-random sample selection issues because of the nature of our dependent variables: the sample is restricted to those who declared a non-zero and non-missing debt. We therefore do not account for entry and exit in debt by only considering total loan amount and debt service ratio. To overcome this sample selection issue, it is rigorous to use the Heckman procedure, which involves estimating a model of debt participation, where this is conditioned on factors additional to those that determine the amount of debt borrowed (exclusion restriction variables). Strong theoretical background is needed to determine exclusion restriction variables that affect the participation decision but not the amount of debt. [Lennox, Francis, and Wang \(2011\)](#) point out that an absence of exclusion restriction in the first stage can lead to severe multicollinearity in the second stage. [Cox and Jappelli \(1993\)](#) used years of education, occupation, area income, employment status and rural-urban status and [Bertaut and Starr \(2002\)](#) used the proportion of household heads employed in the financial services in the region and the proportion of household heads employed in a workplace of 500 or more. [Duca and Rosenthal \(1993\)](#) and [Crook \(2001\)](#) assumed that the same variables determined the probability of having debt and the amount borrowed. [del Río and Young \(2006\)](#) used localisation, race and employment status. However, their results from Heckman procedure are no different from those from OLS regressions, suggested that “any corner-solution biases are small”. Therefore, they focus separately on the participation equation and on debt equations (excluding non-participants). We follow [del Río and Young \(2006\)](#) in focusing separately on the participation equation and on debt equations in excluding non-participants. We also estimate a Heckman selection model as robustness check with the household debt dependency ratios –defined as the number of indebtedness individuals divided by the total number of household members, in 2016-17– as exclusion restriction variables. We also check for multicollinearity and find that the highest VIF score is 4.33, which is less than the cutoff point of 10 ([Lennox et al., 2011](#)). Results [available on request] are no different from those from OLS regression, suggested that the non-random sample selection issues is small, which corroborate with literature ([Brown & Taylor, 2014; del Río & Young, 2006](#)). Another way to estimate our model is to use tobit model which allow for the truncation of the dependent variables as [Brown and Taylor \(2014\); Cox and Jappelli \(1993\)](#). However, it would be unsuitable as the data are not censored or truncated, but

defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  ([Maddala, 1991](#)).

Therefore, we use, first, probit model with maximum likelihood estimation to estimate the probability for an individual of being in debt ( $Indebt_i$ ) (eq. 1).

$$Indebt_i = \beta_0 + X'_i * \beta_1 + C'_i * \beta_2 + Z'_i * \beta_3 + \mu_i \quad (1)$$

Our control variables ( $C'_{it}$ ) take the existing classic controls:

- Individual level variables as age; age square; sex; dummy variable which take 1 if individual is the household head, 0 otherwise; main occupation<sup>14</sup>; number of occupation (dummy variable which take 1 if individual declare more than one occupation, 0 otherwise); dummy variable which take 1 if individual received formal education through school, 0 otherwise (no formal education) and a dummy variable for marital status (1 if married, 0 otherwise).
- Household level variables as caste; monetary value of assets<sup>15</sup>; sex ratio; total annual income; household size; shock exposure (dummy variable which take 1 if the household experienced a shock<sup>16</sup> between 2010 and 2016-17, 0 if not).

The amount of debt is estimated in  $t + 1$  and our independent variables in  $t$ , we therefore control for the indebtedness situation in  $t$  in adding dummy variable which take 1 if individual is indebted in 2016-17, 0 otherwise.

In order to investigate the amount of debt and the burden of repayment ( $Y_i$ ), we use OLS (eq. 2). Despite the fact that DSR is a share, we do not use GLM because of the upper bound of the variable (> 1) ([Cook, Kieschnick, & McCullough, 2008](#)).

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + X'_i * \beta_1 + C'_i * \beta_2 + Z'_i * \beta_3 + \epsilon_i \quad (2)$$

To take into account the strength of social identity we investigate relationship on a pooled sample of egos with interactions variables to maximize statistical power, although splitting samples improves model specification<sup>17</sup>. First we do not use interaction to see the global effect (1), then we add interaction variable with sex (2), caste (3) and both (4) to test whether the effect of PT&CS differ by sex and caste:

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<sup>14</sup>Define as the most time-consuming activity.

<sup>15</sup>The monetary value of assets includes gold; land; house; livestock; agricultural equipment and consumption good (car, computer, cookgas, phone, etc.).

<sup>16</sup>Marriage of at least one of the household members or/and household surveyed after the demonetisation.

<sup>17</sup>The statistical power is not maximize if we use split samples.

$$\begin{array}{ll} (1) & Z'_i = 0 \\ (2) & Z'_i = Sex * X'_i \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} (3) & Z'_i = Caste * X'_i \\ (4) & Z'_i = Sex * Caste * X'_i \end{array}$$

We choose to cluster the error at households level to take into account the fact that observations within each household are not i.i.d. Indeed, we have data for two individuals from the same household and these latter sharing resources and pooling others. In terms of debt, as stated by [Reboul et al. \(2021\)](#), “our data is limited, [but] it suggests that fully pooling and sharing the household debt burden is not the norm.”

To interpret our results, we compute marginal effect (ME) at representative values on the predicted values of PT&CS. We use sex (male/female) and caste (non-dalits/dalits) as representative values, all other variables are at mean. Thanks to our interactions variables, we obtain nine groups of ME for each PT&CS variable: average individual; average male; average female; average non-dalits; average dalits; average non-dalits male; average dalits male; average non-dalits female and average dalits female.

We use Big-5 taxonomy as robustness check.

**How the PT&CS varies across the indebtedness distribution?** As OLS regression is mean reasoning, we supplement this analysis with quantile reasoning to understand the variation of PT&CS across the indebtedness distribution. Quantile debt regressions consider specific parts of the conditional distribution of the debt and indicate the influence of the PT&CS variables on conditional debt. Therefore, we estimate eq. 2 with quantile regression respectively at P10, P25, P50, P75 and P90 of the distribution. Controls variables remain the same and we also cluster the error at households level. To fully understand the results we do not use interaction variables ( $Z'_i = 0$ ) and we compute ME at means to investigate the relationship between debt and PT&CS for the average individual at specific percentile of the distribution.

**How PT&CS influences the debt trajectory?** In a third step, we try to understand the debt trajectory through time. With a multinomial probit, we investigate the contribution of PT&CS on the debt trajectory: Never indebted in 2016-17 and 2020-21 (i); Out of debt between 2016-17 and 2020-21 (ii); Became indebted between 2016-17 and 2020-21 (iii); Always indebted in 2016-17 and 2020-21 (iv).

$$Trajectory_i = \beta_0 + X'_i \beta_1 + C'_i \beta_2 + Z'_i * \beta_3 + \alpha_i \quad (3)$$

We use the same vector of control variables than for the two previous approach, we also

cluster the error at households level and we compute ME at representative values (sex and caste at representative values). We also use Big-5 taxonomy as robustness check.

**How does debt change over time as PT&CS changes?** In a last step, we fully accept the non-stability of personality traits by using one-way<sup>18</sup> individual fixed effect regressions (eq. 4) in order to compare within individual over time. In other words, as PT&CS increases for an individual over time, how does the debt change over time? Unlike the previous approach, we do not use personality traits from factor analysis insofar as factor for 2016-17 are different from those for 2020-21. The resulting factor from factor analysis of 2016-17 and 2020-21 are not interpreted in the same way, therefore, we cannot analyse the evolution of a given factor. While the way we compute Big-5 personality traits allow us to analyse evolution because we use the same method in 2016-17 and 2020-21. We use the same debt measures as before –the total amount of debt and the individual DSR– as endogenous variables ( $Y_i$ ).

$$Y_{it} = X'_{it}\beta_1 + C'_{it}\beta_2 + Z'_{it} * \beta_3 + \alpha_i + u_{it} \quad (4)$$

We use the same vector of control variables than before. However, as we estimate FE model, time-invariant variables are omitted from the analysis: sex; education; caste. Cluster remains the same and ME at representative values (sex and caste) are computed.

An important caveat lies in the study of causality. We do not pretend to show a causal relationship between PT&CS and indebtedness but to relate correlations because we cannot rule out the possibility of reverse causality between PT&CS variation and indebtedness variation.

### 3 Descriptive statistics

#### 3.1 Household unit in Table 1

Our final sample consists of 835 individuals from 473 households and almost half are dalits. Three quarters of households have 2 egos, the last quarters have only one egos –justifying the fact that we cluster the error at household level. The sex ratio is different through caste: in 24% of dalits households the sex ratio is equal to 1 which mean that they are as many men as women while in middle-upper caste, it is 34% of households in 2016-17. In terms of assets, middle-upper caste households are three times richer than dalits on average –respectively

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<sup>18</sup>We choose to not compute two-way fixed effect for the many problems with maintaining assumptions and interpreting the coefficients (Imai & Kim, 2020; Kropko & Kubinec, 2020).

1,493k INR and 487k INR in 2016-17. 50% of middle-upper caste have less than 666k INR of assets while 50% of dalits households have less than 266k INR in 2016-17. For 50% of dalits, the monetary value of assets increased by at least 47% between 2016-17 and 2020-21 while for 50% of non-dalits households, it decreased by at least 22%. However, middle and upper caste still have higher amount of assets in 2020-21. This economic advantage of non-dalit households is also found with income: the median income of middle-upper caste is 34% higher than dalits one in 2016-17 and 15% higher in 2020-21. Last, whatever the caste, we observe a reduction of total income: for 50% dalits households the total income decreased by at least 4% and for 50% of non-dalits households, it decreased by at least 5%.

**Table 1:** Household-unit descriptive statistics in 2016-17

|   | Dalits  |         |        | Middle-upper |          |        |
|---|---------|---------|--------|--------------|----------|--------|
|   | 2016-17 | 2020-21 | Δ      | 2016-17      | 2020-21  | Δ      |
| Number of households                        | n=228   | n=228   | n=228  | n=245        | n=245    | n=245  |
| <b>Socio-demographic characteristics</b>    |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| Household size (mean)                       | 4.93    | 4.94    |        | 4.46         | 4.41     |        |
| Number of ego (%)                           |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| 1   | 24.12   | 24.12   |        | 22.86        | 22.86    |        |
| 2   | 75.88   | 75.88   |        | 77.14        | 77.14    |        |
| Sex ratio (%)                               |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| <i>More female</i>                          | 32.02   | 32.46   |        | 26.12        | 27.76    |        |
| <i>Equal</i>                                | 23.68   | 26.32   |        | 34.29        | 31.84    |        |
| <i>More male</i>                            | 44.30   | 41.23   |        | 39.59        | 40.41    |        |
| Location (%)                                |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| <i>Near Panruti</i>                         | 74.56   | 74.56   |        | 57.55        | 57.55    |        |
| <i>Near Villupuram</i>                      | 16.23   | 16.23   |        | 31.84        | 31.84    |        |
| <i>Near Tiruppur</i>                        | 0.00    | 0.00    |        | 2.45         | 2.45     |        |
| <i>Near Chengalpattu</i>                    | 6.14    | 6.14    |        | 6.53         | 6.53     |        |
| <i>Near Kanchipuram</i>                     | 3.07    | 3.07    |        | 0.82         | 0.82     |        |
| <i>Near Chennai</i>                         | 0.00    | 0.00    |        | 0.82         | 0.82     |        |
| <b>Wealth &amp; finance characteristics</b> |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| Assets* (1,000 INR)                         |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| <i>Mean</i>                                 | 487.42  | 458.69  | 192.19 | 1,493.35     | 768.25   | 79.93  |
| <i>SD</i>                                   | 846.30  | 353.32  | 522.68 | 2,373.47     | 1,263.68 | 317.01 |
| <i>Median</i>                               | 266.40  | 360.59  | 47.12  | 666.50       | 447.00   | -22.45 |
| Income† (1,000 INR)                         |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| <i>Mean</i>                                 | 179.56  | 146.21  | 59.80  | 193.13       | 191.20   | 85.87  |
| <i>SD</i>                                   | 332.51  | 160.91  | 182.79 | 206.40       | 244.79   | 303.90 |
| <i>Median</i>                               | 106.35  | 104.71  | -3.55  | 142.20       | 120.04   | -5.40  |
| Shock (=1)                                  | 57.02   | 26.75   |        | 56.33        | 17.96    |        |
| Indebted household (=1)                     | 99.12   | 99.12   | -      | 98.78        | 97.96    | -      |
| Household debt path (%)                     |         |         |        |              |          |        |
| <i>Never in debt</i>                        |         |         | 0.00   |              |          | 0.00   |
| <i>Out of debt</i>                          |         |         | 0.75   |              |          | 1.61   |
| <i>Becomes in debt</i>                      |         |         | 1.00   |              |          | 0.92   |
| <i>Always in debt</i>                       |         |         | 98.25  |              |          | 97.47  |

Note: \* desc of assets † desc of income

Source: NEEMSI-1 (2016-17) & NEEMSI-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

### 3.2 Individual unit in Table 2

At egos level, 55% of our sample are male and among them, 46% are dalit (among female 50% are dalit). Male are, on average, older than female and three quarters of them are the head of household while female are only 9% in 2016-17 and 27% in 2020-21. This increase is partly due to the life cycle: when the household head died, is the wife who takes over as household head. In terms of education, male are more formal educated than female.

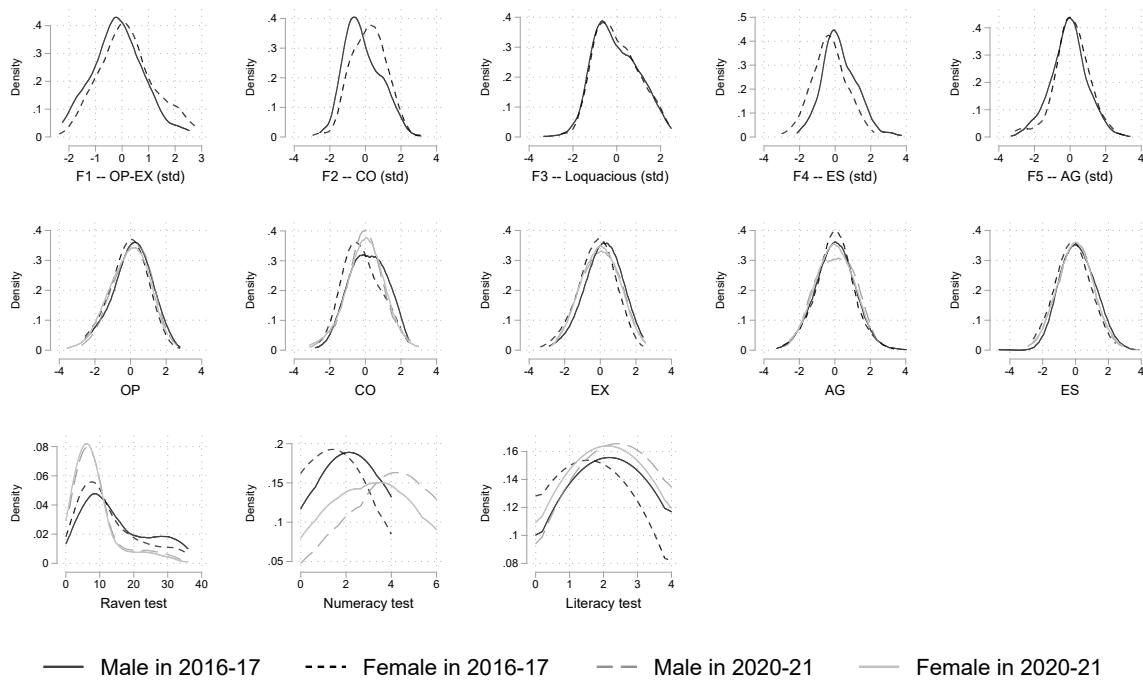
Disparities in terms of gender are also found in the occupation. Despite the increasing of the number of female in agriculture and the decreasing of the number of male in self-employment, this activities are mostly reserved for male. The reverse assessment is true for salaried job in agriculture: between 2016-17 and 2020-21 the share of male increase by 47% (from 16% to 24%) but female remain relatively more numerous (27.42% in 2016-17 and 29.58% in 2020-21). Whatever the gender, non-agricultural salaried job remain stable over time and the share of male implicated is similar to the share of female (around 37%). Non-income generating work as the main occupation is over-represented for female while even though the share fell considerably between 2016-17 and 2020-21 (from 24% to 15%). Moreover, female are more likely to have multiple occupations and this probability increase between 2016-17 and 2020-21 (from 50% to 60%). In terms of income, disparities persist between male and female. On average, male have 102,000 INR per year as labour income while female have 19,000 INR. Between 2016-17 and 2020-21, the average variation rate is higher for female than for male (respectively 173% and 163%).

**Individual debt trend** There are also many disparities in terms of debt. While the share of individual is relatively stable through time and gender (around 75%), the path is different. Female are more vulnerable than male in the sense that the share of individual never in debt is lower for female than for male (respectively 10% and 14%) and the share of individual becomes in debt between 2016-17 and 2020-21 is higher for female than for male (respectively 14% and 8%). To finish with the path, we observe that more than six out of ten individuals remains indebted.

Our sample of indebted individual consists of 643 individuals in 2016-17 and 606 individuals in 2020-21 whose 516 are indebted in 2016-17 and in 2020-21. Male have a higher absolute amount of debt than female (two times more in 2016-17: 190,000 INR for male while 80,000 INR for female) despite a reduction in the amount between 2016-17 and 2020-21 (for 50% of male, debt has decreased by more than 57%). On the other hand, 50% of female saw their debt increased by more than 24% (on average, in 2016-17 a female has a debt of 80,000 INR, while it

is at 90,000 INR in 2020-21. Male spend less of their annual income on debt repayment than female: in 2016-17 50% of male spend 27% of their annual income on debt repayment and 12% in 2020-21 while female spend 32% in 2016-17 and 77% in 2020-21. Furthermore, 50% of male have seen their DSR decreased by at least 0.27% while 50% of female have seen their DSR increased by at least 0.09%.

**Personality traits & cognitive skills with Figures 2** Figure 2 shows the distribution of each personality traits net of life-cycle. Middle-upper caste male tends to be more extraverted-openned than others (Factor 1). For Conscientiousness (Factor 2), male have higher score than women, whatever the caste. Dalits tend to be more *Porupillatavan* (Factor 3) than non-dalits and dalits male more emotional stable than other (Factor 4). For Agreeableness (Factor 5), we do not observe differences between our four groups. In terms of cognitive skills, male tends to have higher score.



**Figure 2:** Distribution of PT&CS – The resulting personality trait from factor analysis and Big-5 taxonomy are based on the standardised residual from univariate OLS regression with age as exogenous variable. This is the personality trait purged from life-cycle effects.

**Source:** NEEMSI-1 (2016-17) & NEEMSI-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Table 2:** Individual-unit descriptive statistics in 2016-17

|                                       | Male    |         |           | Female  |         |        |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
|                                       | 2016-17 | 2020-21 | Δ         | 2016-17 | 2020-21 | Δ      |
| Number of individuals                 | n=463   | n=463   | n=463     | n=372   | n=372   | n=372  |
| <b>Socio-economic characteristics</b> |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| Caste (%)                             | 46.22   | 46.22   |           | 50.27   | 50.27   |        |
| <i>Dalits</i>                         | 53.78   | 53.78   |           | 49.73   | 49.73   |        |
| <i>Middle-upper caste</i>             |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| Age (mean)                            | 44.46   | 48.46   |           | 40.33   | 44.33   |        |
| Head of family (=1)                   | 75.38   | 74.08   |           | 9.14    | 27.15   |        |
| Married* (=1)                         | 80.99   | 86.39   |           | 84.41   | 81.72   |        |
| School education (=1)                 | 68.68   | 68.68   |           | 52.69   | 52.69   |        |
| Main occupation (%)                   |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| <i>Agriculture</i>                    | 17.06   | 16.20   |           | 3.49    | 11.74   |        |
| <i>Self-employed</i>                  | 16.63   | 12.53   |           | 5.38    | 8.98    |        |
| <i>Salaried job (agri.)</i>           | 15.98   | 23.54   |           | 27.42   | 29.58   |        |
| <i>Salaried job (non-agri.)</i>       | 38.66   | 36.72   |           | 39.78   | 34.85   |        |
| <i>Unpaid working or not working</i>  | 11.66   | 11.02   |           | 23.92   | 14.85   |        |
| Multiple occupation (=1)              | 38.01   | 47.27   |           | 50.27   | 60.00   |        |
| Labour income (1,000 INR)             |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| <i>Mean</i>                           | 102.42  | 74.63   | 162.78    | 19.29   | 21.71   | 173.02 |
| <i>SD</i>                             | 243.22  | 89.33   | 2,405.69  | 41.33   | 45.83   | 538.41 |
| <i>Median</i>                         | 56.00   | 51.67   | -0.02     | 7.20    | 9.30    | 0.11   |
| <b>Debt characteristics</b>           |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| In debt (=1)                          |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| <i>Mean</i>                           | 0.78    | 0.71    | -         | 0.76    | 0.74    | -      |
| Individual debt path (%)              |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| <i>Never in debt</i>                  |         |         | 14.04     |         |         | 9.95   |
| <i>Out of debt</i>                    |         |         | 14.69     |         |         | 15.86  |
| <i>Became in debt</i>                 |         |         | 8.42      |         |         | 13.71  |
| <i>Always in debt</i>                 |         |         | 62.85     |         |         | 60.48  |
| Number of indebted individuals        | n=359   | n=330   |           | n=284   | n=276   |        |
| Loan amount (1,000 INR)               |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| <i>Mean</i>                           | 189.74  | 136.87  | 2,067.62  | 79.52   | 90.38   | 126.21 |
| <i>SD</i>                             | 250.40  | 238.64  | 41,296.09 | 97.08   | 94.29   | 934.12 |
| <i>Median</i>                         | 105.00  | 64.58   | -56.94    | 44.50   | 69.10   | 23.55  |
| DSR (%)                               |         |         |           |         |         |        |
| <i>Mean</i>                           | 93.13   | 134.10  | 251.85    | 173.84  | 253.05  | 91.23  |
| <i>SD</i>                             | 417.16  | 558.99  | 1,580.94  | 411.71  | 554.54  | 575.37 |
| <i>Median</i>                         | 27.26   | 11.72   | -0.27     | 31.59   | 77.30   | 0.09   |

Note: \*Or not (unmarried, widowed, etc.).

Source: NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) & NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

## 4 Results

To interpret the results, marginal effects (ME) at representative values on the predicted value of the PT&CS are reported for the four specifications as described previously. According to specifications, the representatives values are:

- (1) The average individual (col “All”).
- (2) The average male (col “Male”) and the average female (col “Female”).
- (3) The average non-dalits (col “MUC”) and the average dalits (col “Dalits”).
- (4) The average non-dalits male (col “MUC male”), the average dalits male (col “Dalits male”), the average non-dalits female (col “MUC female”) and the average dalits female (col “Dalits female”).

All of PT&CS are standardized to ensure comparability between them. We will therefore speak in terms of “one standard deviation” more of PT&CS.

An important caveat to acknowledge prior to exposing the findings of our empirical analysis is the magnitude of the effects. They may seem high. However, this comes from the low range of definitions of PT&CS variables. For personality traits, ranging around from -4 to 4, one more standard deviation represent a gap of 1/8. Put another way, for a variable ranging from -4 to 4, take an additional unit come back to take 12.5% in more.

### 4.1 How PT&CS shape individual debt?

**Probability of being indebted** Table 3 presents the results from the multivariate probit analysis of the first stage of the Heckman procedure. McFadden’s pseudo  $R^2$  indicate a very good goodness-of-fit for all the specification –they are all above 0.2 threshold (McFadden, 1979). Moreover, we observe that all p-values associated with the simultaneous coefficient nullity test ( $LR \chi^2$ ) are low enough to conclude that at least one of the regression coefficients in the model is not equal to zero. Whatever the specification, the probability of being in debt in 2016-17 is positively correlated with the probability of being in debt in 2020-21.

The results show that 2016-17 cognitive skill –whatever the specification– are not correlated with the probability of being indebted in 2020-21 at 95% confidence level (neither at 90%), except for literacy which is positively correlated for the average female. However, three of the personality traits are correlated at the 90-95% confidence level. Without interaction variables, Factor 1 as OP-EX is negatively correlated with the probability for the average individual of being in debt. With gender interaction, the relationship becomes clearer for the average female

and with caste interaction for the average non-dalits. With three way interaction variable, we observe that for the average non-dalits female, other things equal, when Factor 1 increase by one standard deviation, the probability of being in debt decrease by 11.1 pp. Factor 2 as CO and Factor 3 as Loquacious, are also negatively correlated for non-dalits female but less than Factor 1 (respectively 8.3 pp at 90% confidence level and 8.8 pp). **literature**. For Factor 2, the relationship is reverse for male and more precisely for non-dalits one: all else being equal, when Factor 2 increase by one standard deviation, the probability of being in debt increase by 9.3 pp.

**Table 3:** Marginal effects of the probability of being in debt in 2020-21

|                                  | (1)                | (2)                 |                       | (3)                |                       | (4)                     |                            |                           |                              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                  | ME/(t-stat)<br>All | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| F1 – OP-EX (std)                 | -0.033<br>(-1.910) | -0.010<br>(-0.353)  | -0.048<br>(-1.860)    | -0.081<br>(-2.997) | -0.000<br>(-0.021)    | -0.049<br>(-1.267)      | 0.011<br>(0.285)           | -0.111<br>(-2.369)        | -0.003<br>(-0.111)           |
| F2 – CO (std)                    | 0.005<br>(0.276)   | 0.045<br>(1.705)    | -0.046<br>(-1.605)    | 0.026<br>(1.026)   | -0.011<br>(-0.467)    | 0.093<br>(2.311)        | -0.004<br>(-0.104)         | -0.083<br>(-1.862)        | -0.014<br>(-0.410)           |
| F3 – Loquacious (std)            | -0.018<br>(-1.035) | -0.006<br>(-0.217)  | -0.036<br>(-1.386)    | -0.039<br>(-1.529) | -0.005<br>(-0.233)    | -0.022<br>(-0.605)      | -0.010<br>(-0.268)         | -0.088<br>(-2.082)        | 0.006<br>(0.177)             |
| F4 – ES (std)                    | 0.002<br>(0.096)   | 0.017<br>(0.672)    | -0.016<br>(-0.599)    | -0.023<br>(-0.871) | 0.012<br>(0.550)      | -0.034<br>(-0.877)      | 0.055<br>(1.523)           | -0.045<br>(-0.960)        | -0.023<br>(-0.761)           |
| F5 – AG (std)                    | -0.026<br>(-1.446) | -0.035<br>(-1.347)  | -0.028<br>(-1.042)    | -0.045<br>(-1.618) | -0.016<br>(-0.680)    | -0.062<br>(-1.604)      | -0.021<br>(-0.605)         | -0.053<br>(-1.154)        | -0.026<br>(-0.788)           |
| Literacy (std)                   | 0.034<br>(1.094)   | -0.002<br>(-0.039)  | 0.085<br>(1.976)      | 0.048<br>(1.237)   | 0.020<br>(0.491)      | 0.033<br>(0.603)        | -0.029<br>(-0.479)         | 0.094<br>(1.585)          | 0.089<br>(1.625)             |
| Numeracy (std)                   | -0.008<br>(-0.304) | 0.002<br>(0.053)    | -0.034<br>(-0.837)    | -0.014<br>(-0.374) | -0.003<br>(-0.075)    | -0.050<br>(-0.909)      | 0.045<br>(0.785)           | -0.008<br>(-0.134)        | -0.050<br>(-0.945)           |
| Raven (std)                      | 0.005<br>(0.239)   | 0.022<br>(0.708)    | -0.021<br>(-0.609)    | -0.017<br>(-0.567) | 0.031<br>(0.928)      | 0.004<br>(0.102)        | 0.054<br>(1.106)           | -0.042<br>(-0.848)        | -0.004<br>(-0.103)           |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17         | 0.414<br>(2.752)   |                     | 0.412<br>(2.719)      |                    | 0.390<br>(2.563)      |                         |                            | 0.389<br>(2.523)          |                              |
| Debtor ratio in 2016-17          | -0.157<br>(-2.194) |                     | -0.165<br>(-2.344)    |                    | -0.152<br>(-2.141)    |                         |                            | -0.144<br>(-1.966)        |                              |
| Individuals controls             | X                  |                     | X                     |                    | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls              | X                  |                     | X                     |                    | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Villages FE                      | X                  |                     | X                     |                    | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations                     | 831                |                     | 831                   |                    | 831                   |                         |                            | 831                       |                              |
| McFadden's pseudo R <sup>2</sup> | 0.205              |                     | 0.218                 |                    | 0.214                 |                         |                            | 0.236                     |                              |
| Log-likelihood                   | -387.994           |                     | -381.828              |                    | -383.822              |                         |                            | -373.271                  |                              |
| LR X <sup>2</sup>                | 240.884            |                     | 246.493               |                    | 326.328               |                         |                            | 314.239                   |                              |
| p-value                          | 0.000              |                     | 0.000                 |                    | 0.000                 |                         |                            | 0.000                     |                              |

**Source:** NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Total amount of debt** Table 6 presents the results from the multivariate OLS analysis of the first outcome of the Heckman procedure, the total amount of debt. All p-values associated with the simultaneous coefficient nullity test (F-stat) are low enough to conclude that at least one of the regression coefficients in the model is not equal to zero. The goodness-of-fit is less good than the previous one: we are able to explain around 22% of the total variance of the total amount of debt. Unlike earlier, the debt situation of 2016-17 is not correlated at 90% confidence level with the outcome.

Numeracy and Raven are correlated with the total amount of debt at 95% confidence level for dalits female, but the relationship is reverse (negative relationship for Numeracy while positive relationship for Raven). In addition, Raven is negatively correlated for non-dalits

female at 95% confidence level, and the relationship is more stronger than for dalits female (respectively +23,315 ₹ and -44,021 ₹). Regarding personality traits, Factor 2 and Factor 3 are negatively correlated with the total amount of debt when there is not interactions variables. The relationship becomes clearer at 90% confidence level for male, non-dalits and *in fine* for non-dalits male with a stronger relationship for Factor 2: all else being equal, when Factor 2 increase by one standard deviation, predicted total loan amount decrease by 49,000 ₹ (37,000 ₹ for Factor 3). Factor 2 and Factor 3 are also negatively correlated at 90% confidence level for respectively dalits female and non-dalits female. Among dalits female, those with higher Factor 5 as AG are also those with lower amount of debt, other things equal. Last, Factor 1 is positively correlated when there is not interactions variables and the relationship seems to be clarified for middle-upper caste individual and more for middle-upper caste male at 90% confidence level(40,167 ₹ of debt in more).

**Table 4:** Marginal effects of the total loan amount in 2020-21

|                          | (1)                 | (2)                 | (3)                   | (4)                 |                       |                         |                            |                           |                              |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                          | ME/(t-stat)<br>All  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| F1 – OP-EX (std)         | 16.393<br>(1.979)   | 17.804<br>(1.419)   | 9.673<br>(1.192)      | 23.584<br>(1.651)   | 1.635<br>(0.269)      | 40.167<br>(1.861)       | -5.738<br>(-0.487)         | -4.828<br>(-0.323)        | 13.850<br>(2.017)            |
| F2 – CO (std)            | -18.845<br>(-1.820) | -29.207<br>(-1.736) | -7.115<br>(-0.794)    | -33.633<br>(-1.827) | -8.425<br>(-0.913)    | -49.214<br>(-1.728)     | -5.290<br>(-0.296)         | -20.554<br>(-1.057)       | -11.659<br>(-1.874)          |
| F3 – Loquacious (std)    | -18.688<br>(-1.965) | -23.697<br>(-1.705) | -13.463<br>(-1.421)   | -33.710<br>(-2.140) | -5.956<br>(-0.809)    | -37.416<br>(-1.873)     | -5.501<br>(-0.420)         | -36.457<br>(-1.876)       | -3.960<br>(-0.623)           |
| F4 – ES (std)            | -0.584<br>(-0.047)  | 0.619<br>(0.027)    | -4.892<br>(-0.585)    | 14.518<br>(0.539)   | -11.525<br>(-1.283)   | 28.774<br>(0.592)       | -6.328<br>(-0.405)         | -21.715<br>(-1.415)       | -10.281<br>(-1.290)          |
| F5 – AG (std)            | -2.732<br>(-0.303)  | -1.913<br>(-0.142)  | -12.309<br>(-1.572)   | 7.001<br>(0.412)    | -15.411<br>(-2.467)   | 4.561<br>(0.182)        | -13.501<br>(-1.492)        | -21.664<br>(-1.550)       | -21.721<br>(-2.835)          |
| Literacy (std)           | 4.945<br>(0.315)    | 13.862<br>(0.670)   | 0.844<br>(0.048)      | 12.692<br>(0.551)   | 15.621<br>(1.034)     | 15.986<br>(0.541)       | 9.899<br>(0.489)           | 23.632<br>(0.913)         | 24.323<br>(1.275)            |
| Numeracy (std)           | 8.499<br>(0.817)    | 12.838<br>(0.797)   | -0.008<br>(-0.001)    | 29.880<br>(1.537)   | -10.306<br>(-1.023)   | 21.719<br>(0.709)       | 11.253<br>(0.659)          | 24.041<br>(0.982)         | -30.772<br>(-2.150)          |
| Raven (std)              | 1.445<br>(0.149)    | 9.408<br>(0.620)    | -5.681<br>(-0.469)    | -5.642<br>(-0.384)  | 6.085<br>(0.510)      | 21.417<br>(1.021)       | -7.501<br>(-0.365)         | -44.021<br>(-2.018)       | 22.315<br>(2.125)            |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17 | -19.063<br>(-0.677) |                     | -5.392<br>(-0.222)    |                     | 3.533<br>(0.141)      |                         |                            | 12.755<br>(0.575)         |                              |
| IMR in 2016-17           | -27.001<br>(-0.269) |                     | 28.434<br>(0.323)     |                     | 95.547<br>(0.897)     |                         |                            | 157.737<br>(1.707)        |                              |
| Individuals controls     | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls      | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Villages FE              | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations             | 603                 |                     | 603                   |                     | 603                   |                         |                            | 603                       |                              |
| R <sup>2</sup>           | 0.263               |                     | 0.272                 |                     | 0.290                 |                         |                            | 0.322                     |                              |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>  | 0.220               |                     | 0.218                 |                     | 0.238                 |                         |                            | 0.249                     |                              |
| F-stat                   | 5.351               |                     | 2.969                 |                     | 4.478                 |                         |                            | 2.396                     |                              |
| p-value                  | 0.000               |                     | 0.000                 |                     | 0.000                 |                         |                            | 0.000                     |                              |

*Note:* Marginal effects with T-stat in parentheses.

**Source:** NEEMSIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMSIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Individual debt service ratio** Table 7 presents the results for the individual debt service ratio, the second outcome of the Heckman procedure. All p-values associated with the simultaneous coefficient nullity test (F-stat) are low enough and the goodness-of-fit is quite low compared to previous analysis. Debt situation of 2016-17 is still not correlated at 90% confidence level.

As for the previous analysis, Factor 1 is positively correlated with the share of the annual

income dedicated to debt (capital and interest) repayment and especially for dalits female at 95% confidence level. Indeed, for the average individuals, when Factor 1 increase by one standard deviation , the predicted debt service ratio increase by 94 pp, all else being equal. Factor 2 is negatively correlated and mainly for female at 90% confidence level. Magnitude of the correlation is similar to that of Factor 1 for the average female (83 pp in more for Factor 1 and 84 pp in less for Factor 2, other things equal). Factor 4 as ES and Factor 3 are also correlated with the individual debt service ratio for non-dalits female at 90% confidence level and with the same strength (around 123 pp) but relationship is reversed (positively correlated for Factor 3 and negatively correlated for Factor 4).

**Table 5:** Marginal effects of the individual debt service ratio in 2020-21

|                          | (1)                        | (2)                 |                            | (3)                      |                       | (4)                     |                            |                             |                              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                          | ME/(t-stat)<br>All         | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female      | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC       | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female   | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| F1 – OP-EX (std)         | <b>48.149</b><br>(2.107)   | 21.127<br>(0.659)   | <b>83.370</b><br>(2.784)   | <b>63.143</b><br>(1.651) | 40.677<br>(1.329)     | 74.766<br>(1.327)       | -23.592<br>(-0.488)        | 74.075<br>(1.528)           | <b>94.170</b><br>(2.310)     |
| F2 – CO (std)            | <b>-47.470</b><br>(-1.957) | -3.555<br>(-0.131)  | <b>-83.901</b><br>(-1.686) | -48.854<br>(-1.541)      | -41.055<br>(-1.092)   | -49.443<br>(-1.113)     | 17.690<br>(0.623)          | -13.314<br>(-0.259)         | -97.337<br>(-1.353)          |
| F3 – Loquacious (std)    | 4.064<br>(0.157)           | -12.703<br>(-0.346) | 28.956<br>(0.760)          | 8.368<br>(0.233)         | 1.840<br>(0.059)      | -32.003<br>(-0.644)     | 24.766<br>(0.507)          | <b>124.112</b><br>(1.848)   | -23.733<br>(-0.591)          |
| F4 – ES (std)            | -26.730<br>(-1.063)        | -10.476<br>(-0.422) | -52.602<br>(-1.241)        | -63.622<br>(-1.506)      | 1.149<br>(0.041)      | 17.508<br>(0.438)       | -35.907<br>(-1.021)        | <b>-122.386</b><br>(-1.807) | 34.850<br>(0.802)            |
| F5 – AG (std)            | 10.980<br>(0.459)          | 18.891<br>(0.660)   | 2.076<br>(0.048)           | -0.423<br>(-0.014)       | 29.793<br>(0.954)     | 37.718<br>(0.958)       | 30.502<br>(0.861)          | -49.156<br>(-0.953)         | 64.526<br>(1.171)            |
| Literacy (std)           | 4.130<br>(0.118)           | -19.495<br>(-0.459) | 18.540<br>(0.349)          | -11.696<br>(-0.250)      | 1.348<br>(0.030)      | -15.835<br>(-0.264)     | -40.657<br>(-0.760)        | -90.022<br>(-1.148)         | 3.493<br>(0.050)             |
| Numeracy (std)           | -12.463<br>(-0.429)        | -34.833<br>(-1.057) | 19.285<br>(0.329)          | 0.458<br>(0.011)         | -19.706<br>(-0.548)   | -21.272<br>(-0.465)     | -41.944<br>(-0.835)        | 50.136<br>(0.557)           | 31.676<br>(0.535)            |
| Raven (std)              | 22.855<br>(0.808)          | -29.403<br>(-1.122) | 76.359<br>(1.284)          | 39.039<br>(0.904)        | -1.809<br>(-0.042)    | -35.522<br>(-1.268)     | -46.203<br>(-0.924)        | 160.693<br>(1.560)          | 23.817<br>(0.350)            |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17 | 6.689<br>(0.086)           |                     | -14.044<br>(-0.181)        |                          | -19.067<br>(-0.241)   |                         |                            | -64.112<br>(-0.766)         |                              |
| IMR in 2016-17           | 19.198<br>(0.067)          |                     | -18.563<br>(-0.069)        |                          | -148.052<br>(-0.536)  |                         |                            | -315.454<br>(-1.080)        |                              |
| Individuals controls     | X                          |                     | X                          |                          | X                     |                         |                            | X                           |                              |
| Households controls      | X                          |                     | X                          |                          | X                     |                         |                            | X                           |                              |
| Villages FE              | X                          |                     | X                          |                          | X                     |                         |                            | X                           |                              |
| Observations             | 603                        |                     | 603                        |                          | 603                   |                         |                            | 603                         |                              |
| R <sup>2</sup>           | 0.069                      |                     | 0.092                      |                          | 0.073                 |                         |                            | 0.112                       |                              |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>  | 0.015                      |                     | 0.026                      |                          | 0.005                 |                         |                            | 0.017                       |                              |
| F-stat                   | 2.391                      |                     | 1.587                      |                          | 1.652                 |                         |                            | 1.440                       |                              |
| p-value                  | 0.000                      |                     | 0.014                      |                          | 0.008                 |                         |                            | 0.024                       |                              |

*Note:* Marginal effects with T-stat in parentheses.

**Source:** NEEMSIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMSIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

Specifically, a one standard deviation increase in EX is associated with a decrease in the ... by 1.87 percentage points.

## 4.2 How PT&CS variation is correlated with indebtedness variation?

## 4.3 How PT&CS shape the indebtedness path?

**Table 6:** Marginal effects of the total loan amount in 2020-21

|                      | (1)                 | (2)                 |                       | (3)                 |                       | (4)                     |                            |                           |                              |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                      | ME/(t-stat)<br>All  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| OP (std)             | 8.216<br>(0.711)    | 1.490<br>(0.082)    | 21.485<br>(1.995)     | -0.009<br>(-0.000)  | 17.124<br>(1.646)     | -21.862<br>(-0.741)     | 27.710<br>(1.794)          | 45.141<br>(2.556)         | 4.586<br>(0.401)             |
| CO (std)             | 3.207<br>(0.333)    | 1.567<br>(0.096)    | 2.339<br>(0.289)      | 7.336<br>(0.462)    | -2.640<br>(-0.248)    | 9.393<br>(0.365)        | -14.255<br>(-0.766)        | -3.357<br>(-0.253)        | 6.074<br>(0.619)             |
| EX (std)             | -12.243<br>(-1.110) | -10.093<br>(-0.611) | -20.887<br>(-1.866)   | -6.388<br>(-0.396)  | -19.390<br>(-1.477)   | -0.339<br>(-0.013)      | -24.432<br>(-1.211)        | -31.375<br>(-2.015)       | -11.599<br>(-0.924)          |
| AG (std)             | -1.150<br>(-0.102)  | -2.038<br>(-0.109)  | 3.658<br>(0.391)      | -6.665<br>(-0.382)  | 3.617<br>(0.313)      | 0.877<br>(0.033)        | 3.514<br>(0.158)           | 5.817<br>(0.409)          | 2.336<br>(0.192)             |
| ES (std)             | -6.361<br>(-0.748)  | -12.390<br>(-1.049) | -0.220<br>(-0.022)    | -3.642<br>(-0.244)  | -8.558<br>(-1.055)    | -21.097<br>(-1.012)     | -6.546<br>(-0.542)         | 18.616<br>(1.094)         | -12.512<br>(-1.117)          |
| Literacy (std)       | 40.826<br>(3.292)   | 58.801<br>(2.952)   | 15.793<br>(1.638)     | 52.027<br>(2.697)   | 18.849<br>(1.575)     | 78.346<br>(2.742)       | 25.217<br>(1.137)          | 9.753<br>(0.620)          | 18.448<br>(1.473)            |
| Numeracy (std)       | -10.156<br>(-1.138) | -14.233<br>(-1.043) | -3.965<br>(-0.491)    | -17.582<br>(-1.165) | 2.979<br>(0.351)      | -22.253<br>(-1.039)     | 6.338<br>(0.459)           | -11.084<br>(-0.814)       | 1.521<br>(0.158)             |
| Raven (std)          | -8.431<br>(-0.746)  | -23.409<br>(-1.352) | 13.493<br>(1.726)     | -9.580<br>(-0.486)  | -3.674<br>(-0.376)    | -22.334<br>(-0.839)     | -21.823<br>(-1.251)        | 16.702<br>(1.255)         | 12.674<br>(1.275)            |
| Individuals controls | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls  | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Individuals FE       | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations         | 1071                |                     | 1071                  |                     | 1071                  |                         |                            | 1071                      |                              |
| Nb of groups         | 708                 |                     | 708                   |                     | 708                   |                         |                            | 708                       |                              |
| $\rho$               | 0.646               |                     | 0.645                 |                     | 0.648                 |                         |                            | 0.637                     |                              |
| Within $R^2$         | 0.154               |                     | 0.174                 |                     | 0.164                 |                         |                            | 0.199                     |                              |
| Between $R^2$        | 0.031               |                     | 0.036                 |                     | 0.025                 |                         |                            | 0.040                     |                              |
| Overall $R^2$        | 0.050               |                     | 0.058                 |                     | 0.045                 |                         |                            | 0.065                     |                              |
| F-stat               | 2.247               |                     | 2.084                 |                     | 1.897                 |                         |                            | 1.727                     |                              |
| p-value              | 0.001               |                     | 0.001                 |                     | 0.003                 |                         |                            | 0.003                     |                              |

Note: Marginal effects with T-stat in parentheses.

Source: NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Table 7:** Marginal effects of the individual debt service ratio in 2020-21

|                      | (1)                 | (2)                 |                       | (3)                 |                       | (4)                     |                            |                           |                              |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                      | ME/(t-stat)<br>All  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| OP (std)             | -22.105<br>(-0.788) | -15.416<br>(-0.429) | -7.284<br>(-0.146)    | -9.959<br>(-0.291)  | -25.490<br>(-0.622)   | 5.954<br>(0.116)        | -57.704<br>(-1.849)        | -35.504<br>(-0.642)       | 18.698<br>(0.260)            |
| CO (std)             | -14.114<br>(-0.577) | 4.863<br>(0.281)    | -40.991<br>(-0.843)   | 14.388<br>(0.552)   | -43.980<br>(-1.148)   | 6.373<br>(0.283)        | -9.800<br>(-0.394)         | 19.443<br>(0.327)         | -59.789<br>(-0.932)          |
| EX (std)             | 4.867<br>(0.245)    | 50.170<br>(1.946)   | -44.626<br>(-1.122)   | 31.643<br>(1.213)   | -32.550<br>(-1.018)   | 66.363<br>(1.544)       | 31.399<br>(1.329)          | 6.045<br>(0.133)          | -104.401<br>(-1.540)         |
| AG (std)             | -14.835<br>(-0.405) | -35.240<br>(-0.837) | -0.851<br>(-0.014)    | -51.709<br>(-1.260) | 33.751<br>(0.625)     | -48.955<br>(-0.914)     | 11.456<br>(0.396)          | -70.613<br>(-1.082)       | 44.629<br>(0.474)            |
| ES (std)             | 5.730<br>(0.204)    | -41.313<br>(-1.512) | 65.162<br>(1.181)     | -16.029<br>(-0.532) | 30.346<br>(0.717)     | -69.659<br>(-1.415)     | -10.566<br>(-0.609)        | 44.894<br>(0.938)         | 69.835<br>(0.873)            |
| Literacy (std)       | 54.493<br>(2.000)   | 65.821<br>(1.614)   | 60.198<br>(1.032)     | 59.768<br>(2.161)   | 44.478<br>(0.873)     | 92.366<br>(1.581)       | 24.064<br>(0.676)          | 50.833<br>(0.701)         | 64.516<br>(0.744)            |
| Numeracy (std)       | 11.167<br>(0.451)   | 0.090<br>(0.007)    | 40.912<br>(0.720)     | 15.486<br>(0.653)   | 14.742<br>(0.354)     | 4.795<br>(0.240)        | -12.728<br>(-0.683)        | 42.201<br>(0.718)         | 38.649<br>(0.490)            |
| Raven (std)          | 21.823<br>(0.777)   | -5.520<br>(-0.407)  | 62.735<br>(0.931)     | -16.310<br>(-0.560) | 58.916<br>(1.119)     | -4.259<br>(-0.221)      | -8.490<br>(-0.422)         | -35.807<br>(-0.483)       | 128.739<br>(1.282)           |
| Individuals controls | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls  | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Individuals FE       | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations         | 1071                |                     | 1071                  |                     | 1071                  |                         |                            | 1071                      |                              |
| Nb of groups         | 708                 |                     | 708                   |                     | 708                   |                         |                            | 708                       |                              |
| $\rho$               | 0.551               |                     | 0.550                 |                     | 0.539                 |                         |                            | 0.546                     |                              |
| Within $R^2$         | 0.098               |                     | 0.128                 |                     | 0.116                 |                         |                            | 0.154                     |                              |
| Between $R^2$        | 0.013               |                     | 0.015                 |                     | 0.014                 |                         |                            | 0.018                     |                              |
| Overall $R^2$        | 0.016               |                     | 0.023                 |                     | 0.023                 |                         |                            | 0.030                     |                              |
| F-stat               | 1.106               |                     | 1.032                 |                     | 1.026                 |                         |                            | 0.946                     |                              |
| p-value              | 0.335               |                     | 0.422                 |                     | 0.430                 |                         |                            | 0.576                     |                              |

Note: Marginal effects with T-stat in parentheses.

Source: NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Table 8:** Marginal effects of the individual debt path between 2016-17 and 2020-21

|                        | (1)                       |                           | (2)                       |                           | (3)                       |                           | (4)                        |                           |                              |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|                        | ME/(t-stat)<br>All        | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male       | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female     | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC        | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits     | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male   | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |  |
| <b>Never in debt</b>   |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                           |                              |  |
| F1 – OP-EX (std)       | -0.006<br>(-0.978)        | -0.026<br>(-1.338)        | -0.002<br>(-0.428)        | -0.004<br>(-0.448)        | -0.007<br>(-0.914)        | -0.027<br>(-1.268)        | -0.021<br>(-0.924)         | -0.001<br>(-0.161)        | -0.003<br>(-1.010)           |  |
| F2 – CO (std)          | -0.000<br>(-0.046)        | -0.021<br>(-1.378)        | 0.008<br>(1.389)          | -0.003<br>(-0.352)        | 0.003<br>(0.338)          | -0.002<br>(-0.129)        | -0.027<br>(-1.283)         | 0.004<br>(0.407)          | 0.009<br>(1.540)             |  |
| F3 – Loquacious (std)  | <b>0.012</b><br>(1.773)   | 0.000<br>(0.034)          | <b>0.015</b><br>(2.079)   | <b>0.026</b><br>(2.457)   | 0.002<br>(0.289)          | 0.012<br>(1.017)          | -0.004<br>(-0.207)         | <b>0.030</b><br>(1.935)   | 0.003<br>(1.049)             |  |
| F4 – ES (std)          | -0.002<br>(-0.355)        | -0.012<br>(-0.786)        | -0.001<br>(-0.157)        | 0.015<br>(1.507)          | -0.011<br>(-1.407)        | 0.012<br>(1.014)          | -0.029<br>(-1.255)         | 0.009<br>(0.801)          | -0.004<br>(-1.411)           |  |
| F5 – AG (std)          | 0.003<br>(0.447)          | 0.014<br>(1.069)          | 0.000<br>(0.029)          | 0.007<br>(0.777)          | 0.002<br>(0.347)          | 0.022<br>(1.513)          | 0.006<br>(0.393)           | -0.001<br>(-0.103)        | -0.001<br>(-0.345)           |  |
| Literacy (std)         | -0.022<br>(-1.636)        | -0.017<br>(-0.615)        | -0.016<br>(-1.574)        | <b>-0.037</b><br>(-1.954) | -0.011<br>(-0.814)        | 0.010<br>(0.565)          | -0.029<br>(-0.917)         | -0.034<br>(-1.614)        | 0.002<br>(0.527)             |  |
| Numeracy (std)         | 0.008<br>(0.860)          | -0.001<br>(-0.040)        | 0.010<br>(1.195)          | 0.008<br>(0.518)          | 0.008<br>(0.776)          | -0.005<br>(-0.306)        | 0.000<br>(0.000)           | 0.015<br>(1.036)          | 0.001<br>(0.222)             |  |
| Raven (std)            | -0.001<br>(-0.160)        | 0.010<br>(0.657)          | -0.006<br>(-0.971)        | 0.012<br>(1.216)          | -0.013<br>(-1.321)        | 0.010<br>(0.875)          | 0.003<br>(0.122)           | 0.005<br>(0.439)          | -0.010<br>(-1.621)           |  |
| <b>Out of debt</b>     |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                           |                              |  |
| F1 – OP-EX (std)       | <b>0.035</b><br>(2.128)   | 0.017<br>(0.750)          | <b>0.054</b><br>(2.017)   | <b>0.077</b><br>(3.134)   | 0.000<br>(0.023)          | <b>0.059</b><br>(1.776)   | -0.004<br>(-0.119)         | <b>0.115</b><br>(2.400)   | 0.001<br>(0.020)             |  |
| F2 – CO (std)          | -0.004<br>(-0.225)        | -0.026<br>(-1.206)        | 0.033<br>(1.175)          | -0.022<br>(-0.938)        | 0.009<br>(0.442)          | <b>-0.081</b><br>(-2.403) | 0.025<br>(0.810)           | 0.074<br>(1.716)          | -0.010<br>(-0.296)           |  |
| F3 – Loquacious (std)  | 0.008<br>(0.552)          | 0.002<br>(0.103)          | 0.022<br>(0.868)          | 0.009<br>(0.400)          | 0.010<br>(0.477)          | 0.002<br>(0.052)          | 0.018<br>(0.576)           | 0.037<br>(1.003)          | -0.013<br>(-0.355)           |  |
| F4 – ES (std)          | 0.002<br>(0.154)          | -0.008<br>(-0.417)        | 0.021<br>(0.781)          | 0.004<br>(0.155)          | 0.006<br>(0.323)          | 0.020<br>(0.599)          | -0.025<br>(-0.919)         | 0.020<br>(0.430)          | 0.046<br>(1.365)             |  |
| F5 – AG (std)          | 0.023<br>(1.459)          | 0.019<br>(0.930)          | 0.040<br>(1.450)          | 0.030<br>(1.309)          | 0.021<br>(0.979)          | 0.029<br>(0.938)          | 0.025<br>(0.836)           | 0.059<br>(1.300)          | 0.041<br>(1.208)             |  |
| Literacy (std)         | -0.005<br>(-0.181)        | 0.019<br>(0.559)          | -0.051<br>(-1.149)        | -0.014<br>(-0.429)        | 0.004<br>(0.110)          | -0.041<br>(-0.965)        | 0.074<br>(1.438)           | -0.023<br>(-0.388)        | -0.094<br>(-1.571)           |  |
| Numeracy (std)         | -0.004<br>(-0.184)        | -0.008<br>(-0.246)        | 0.021<br>(0.533)          | 0.004<br>(0.114)          | -0.010<br>(-0.303)        | 0.050<br>(1.150)          | -0.056<br>(-1.157)         | -0.008<br>(-0.148)        | 0.042<br>(0.763)             |  |
| Raven (std)            | 0.003<br>(0.135)          | -0.014<br>(-0.535)        | 0.025<br>(0.717)          | 0.011<br>(0.411)          | -0.011<br>(-0.370)        | -0.000<br>(-0.010)        | -0.049<br>(-1.193)         | 0.012<br>(0.251)          | 0.036<br>(0.841)             |  |
| <b>Becomes in debt</b> |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                           |                              |  |
| F1 – OP-EX (std)       | 0.001<br>(0.110)          | 0.016<br>(0.853)          | -0.011<br>(-0.624)        | 0.018<br>(1.032)          | -0.015<br>(-0.775)        | 0.023<br>(0.996)          | 0.015<br>(0.462)           | 0.023<br>(0.923)          | <b>-0.052</b><br>(-2.484)    |  |
| F2 – CO (std)          | 0.001<br>(0.094)          | -0.002<br>(-0.100)        | 0.005<br>(0.261)          | -0.017<br>(-0.954)        | 0.018<br>(0.877)          | 0.000<br>(0.001)          | 0.007<br>(0.207)           | -0.024<br>(-0.829)        | 0.025<br>(1.005)             |  |
| F3 – Loquacious (std)  | <b>0.031</b><br>(2.280)   | 0.003<br>(0.164)          | <b>0.055</b><br>(2.455)   | 0.010<br>(0.616)          | <b>0.053</b><br>(2.356)   | 0.018<br>(1.200)          | -0.005<br>(-0.153)         | 0.014<br>(0.484)          | <b>0.096</b><br>(3.040)      |  |
| F4 – ES (std)          | 0.019<br>(1.490)          | 0.025<br>(1.517)          | 0.011<br>(0.596)          | 0.004<br>(0.216)          | 0.030<br>(0.164)          | 0.022<br>(1.236)          | 0.028<br>(1.002)           | -0.006<br>(-0.229)        | 0.021<br>(0.935)             |  |
| F5 – AG (std)          | -0.012<br>(-0.911)        | <b>-0.033</b><br>(-1.870) | 0.000<br>(0.013)          | -0.009<br>(-0.464)        | -0.015<br>(-0.813)        | 0.002<br>(0.083)          | <b>-0.067</b><br>(-2.352)  | -0.014<br>(-0.477)        | 0.019<br>(0.903)             |  |
| Literacy (std)         | -0.006<br>(-0.276)        | 0.005<br>(0.161)          | -0.010<br>(-0.372)        | -0.011<br>(-0.424)        | 0.005<br>(0.144)          | 0.010<br>(0.306)          | 0.007<br>(0.137)           | -0.007<br>(-0.211)        | 0.004<br>(0.115)             |  |
| Numeracy (std)         | 0.008<br>(0.399)          | -0.007<br>(-0.231)        | 0.030<br>(1.081)          | 0.005<br>(0.221)          | 0.014<br>(0.430)          | -0.036<br>(-1.475)        | 0.020<br>(0.406)           | 0.043<br>(1.118)          | 0.024<br>(0.648)             |  |
| Raven (std)            | -0.007<br>(-0.427)        | 0.034<br>(1.535)          | <b>-0.054</b><br>(-2.186) | -0.016<br>(-0.805)        | -0.007<br>(-0.231)        | 0.026<br>(1.291)          | 0.041<br>(1.002)           | <b>-0.069</b><br>(-1.953) | <b>-0.051</b><br>(-1.656)    |  |
| <b>Always in debt</b>  |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                           |                              |  |
| F1 – OP-EX (std)       | -0.030<br>(-1.621)        | -0.008<br>(-0.265)        | -0.042<br>(-1.479)        | <b>-0.091</b><br>(-3.285) | 0.022<br>(0.852)          | -0.055<br>(-1.378)        | 0.010<br>(0.245)           | <b>-0.136</b><br>(-2.893) | 0.054<br>(1.613)             |  |
| F2 – CO (std)          | 0.003<br>(0.130)          | <b>0.050</b><br>(1.685)   | -0.046<br>(-1.410)        | 0.042<br>(1.468)          | -0.031<br>(-1.129)        | <b>0.083</b><br>(2.140)   | -0.004<br>(-0.099)         | -0.054<br>(-1.093)        | -0.023<br>(-0.564)           |  |
| F3 – Loquacious (std)  | <b>-0.052</b><br>(-2.681) | -0.006<br>(-0.203)        | <b>-0.092</b><br>(-2.987) | -0.045<br>(-1.633)        | <b>-0.065</b><br>(-2.393) | -0.032<br>(-0.904)        | -0.009<br>(-0.215)         | <b>-0.080</b><br>(-1.800) | <b>-0.086</b><br>(-2.001)    |  |
| F4 – ES (std)          | -0.019<br>(-0.994)        | -0.005<br>(-0.174)        | -0.032<br>(-1.031)        | -0.022<br>(-0.785)        | -0.025<br>(-0.976)        | -0.053<br>(-1.417)        | 0.026<br>(0.662)           | -0.022<br>(-0.480)        | -0.063<br>(-1.551)           |  |
| F5 – AG (std)          | -0.014<br>(-0.725)        | 0.001<br>(0.024)          | -0.040<br>(-1.330)        | -0.028<br>(-1.016)        | -0.008<br>(-0.309)        | -0.053<br>(-1.418)        | 0.036<br>(0.977)           | -0.044<br>(-0.958)        | -0.058<br>(-1.467)           |  |
| Literacy (std)         | 0.033<br>(0.963)          | -0.007<br>(-0.144)        | 0.077<br>(1.618)          | 0.062<br>(1.473)          | 0.002<br>(0.036)          | 0.021<br>(0.396)          | -0.052<br>(-0.775)         | 0.064<br>(1.039)          | 0.087<br>(1.330)             |  |
| Numeracy (std)         | -0.012<br>(-0.404)        | 0.015<br>(0.366)          | -0.062<br>(-1.383)        | -0.017<br>(-0.412)        | -0.012<br>(-0.288)        | -0.009<br>(-0.175)        | 0.036<br>(0.579)           | -0.050<br>(-0.844)        | -0.068<br>(-1.106)           |  |
| Raven (std)            | 0.006<br>(0.229)          | -0.029<br>(-0.853)        | 0.036<br>(0.930)          | -0.007<br>(-0.226)        | 0.031<br>(0.761)          | -0.035<br>(-0.867)        | 0.005<br>(0.087)           | 0.053<br>(1.027)          | 0.024<br>(0.468)             |  |
| Individuals controls   | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                         |                           |                            | X                         |                              |  |
| Individuals controls   | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                         |                           |                            | X                         |                              |  |
| Households controls    | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                         |                           |                            | X                         |                              |  |
| Villages FE            | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                         |                           |                            | X                         |                              |  |
| Observations           | 831                       |                           | 831                       |                           | 831                       |                           |                            | 831                       |                              |  |
| Log-likelihood         | -686.423                  |                           | -669.353                  |                           | -674.244                  |                           |                            | -639.615                  |                              |  |
| LR $\chi^2$            | 362.307                   |                           | 407.915                   |                           | 425.893                   |                           |                            | 573.264                   |                              |  |
| p-value                | 0.000                     |                           | 0.000                     |                           | 0.000                     |                           |                            | 0.000                     |                              |  |

Source: NEEMSIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMSIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

## 5 Discussion and conclusion

As argued in the introduction, the quantification of the role of PT&CS remains a blind spot of current debates about indebtedness.

This paper reveal a number of important insights. Personality traits and cognitive skills are correlated with the probability of being in debt, the amount of debt and the burden of debt in rural India at different magnitude according to caste and sex.

**PT&CS and debt in the literature** Studies in northern countries reveal that emotional stability is a positive predictor of debt ([Nyhus & Webley, 2001](#)). Our results seems to highlight reverse relationship with individual debt service ratio in rural India for non-dalits female ([Brown & Taylor, 2014](#) find also relationship between neuroticism and debt for female). For others groups, whatever the approach, we do not find significant relationship suggesting that this personality trait is not important in influencing level of debt, all else being equal. For non-dalits female given that emotional stability is related to pessimism, the finding that it has a negative association with individual debt is interesting in the context of the positive association found in the existing literature relating to financial optimism and debt. Indeed, **lit.**

Concerning openness and extraversion, [Brown and Taylor \(2014\)](#) find positive relationship with the probability of holding debt while our results suggest negative relationship for non-dalits female. In terms of level of debt, we find that openness and extraversion are positively correlated with future debt which corroborate with [Brown and Taylor \(2014\)](#). When we interesting in the PT&CS variation on indebtedness variation, it appear that openness is positively correlated with the loan amount while extraversion is negatively correlated. **Why?**

Our findings on level of debt and burden of debt corroborate with [Brown and Taylor \(2014\)](#); [Donnelly, Iyer, and Howell \(2012\)](#) who find that conscientiousness is inversely associated with the level of unsecured debt: individuals who are more conscientious are more able to “manage their money through greater levels of financial self-control.” Nevertheless, our results for non-dalits male are reverse to [Brown and Taylor \(2014\)](#); [Nyhus and Webley \(2001\)](#), who find that conscientious individuals are less likely to have ever been in debt. **Why?**

[Brown and Taylor \(2014\)](#)

- Small magnitude
- For the probability of holding debt, CO inversely associated, les 4 autres positively
- For relationship between finance and PT&CS accross debt distribution: in general there

was no differential impact from personality traits on finances across the income distribution, the only exceptions being in the case of extraversion and neuroticism.

- for gender : All other gender interactions with each personality trait are statistically insignificant.

[Donnelly et al. \(2012\)](#)

- For the probability of holding debt, CO inversely associated

[Forlicz and Rólczyński \(2019\)](#)

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[Bertaut and Starr \(2002\)](#)

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## Literature on individual debt practices

### PT&CS and other outcomes in rural India

**Conclusion** As [Brown and Taylor \(2014\)](#) on montre l'importance des PT&CS dans l'analyse des finances

## 6 Conclusion

Malgré un double jeopardy avéré pour les dalits female, some tend to differentiate themselves with PT&CS . Les programmes de MC qui essayent de cibler les plus pauvres ne sont pas super efficient car même chez eux, il y a beaucoup de situation différentes en termes de dette. Pose la question de l'inclusion financière

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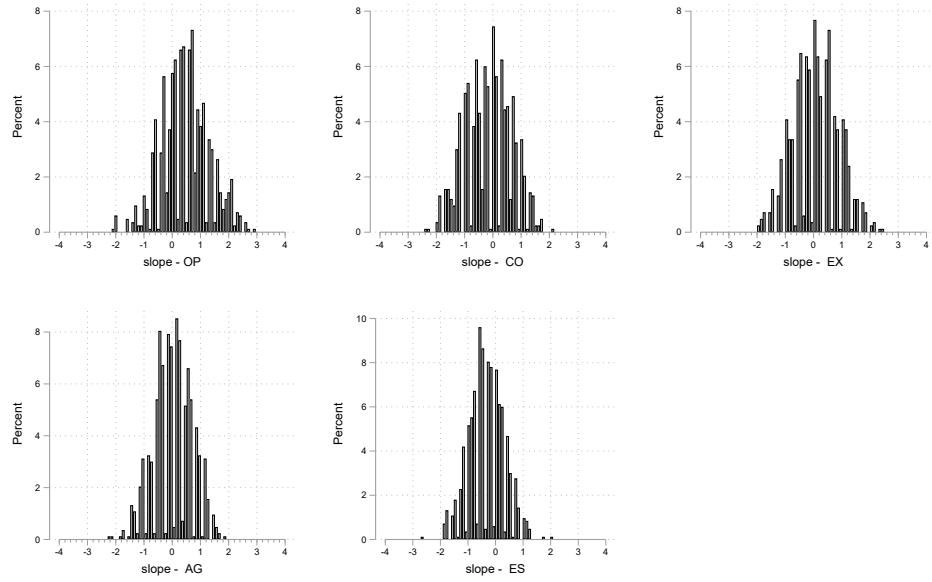
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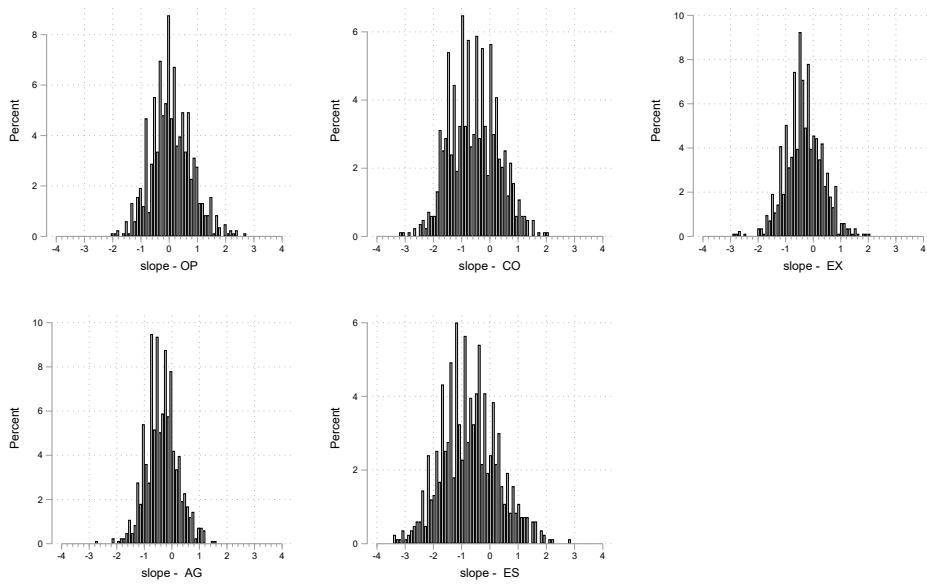
## A Stability of skills over time



Raw traits (non-corrected from acquiescence bias).

**Figure 3:** Stability over time of Big-5 personality traits non-corrected from acquiescence bias – Distribution of the difference of the score between 2016-17 and 2020-21 for Big-5 personality traits non-corrected from acquiescence bias for 835 individuals from rural Tamil Nadu, India.

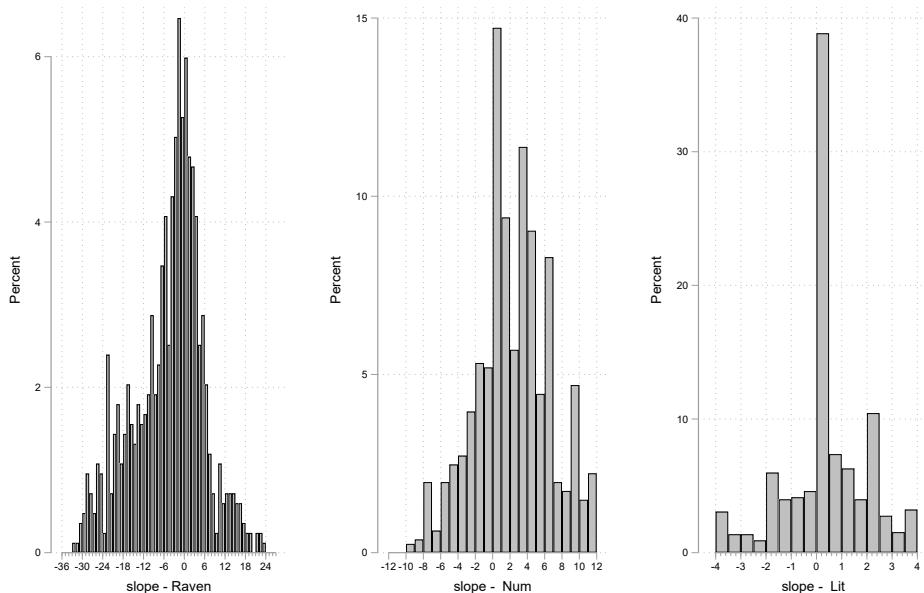
**Source:** NEEMSI-1 (2016-17) & NEEMSI-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.



Traits corrected from acquiescence bias.

**Figure 4:** Stability over time of Big-5 personality traits corrected from acquiescence bias – Distribution of the difference of the score between 2016-17 and 2020-21 for Big-5 personality traits corrected from acquiescence bias for 835 individuals from rural Tamil Nadu, India.

**Source:** NEEMSI-1 (2016-17) & NEEMSI-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.



**Figure 5:** Stability over time of cognitive skills – Distribution of the difference of the score between 2016-17 and 2020-21 for three cognitive skills for 835 individuals from rural Tamil Nadu, India.

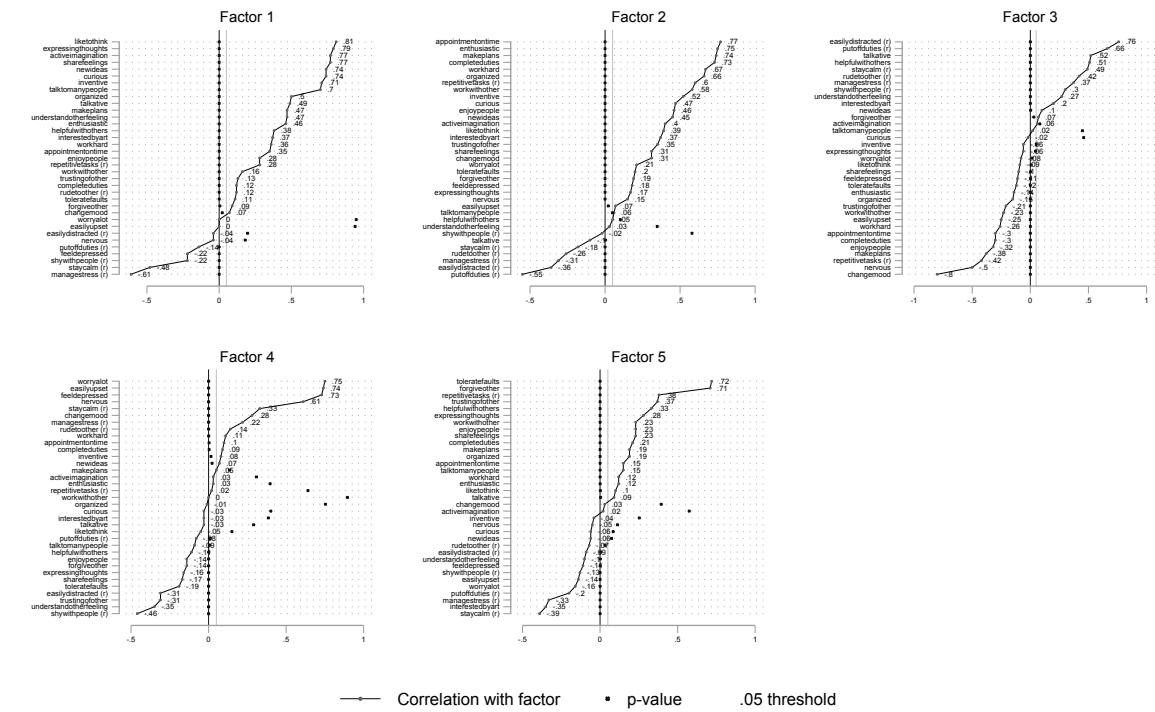
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## B Factor analysis for personality traits

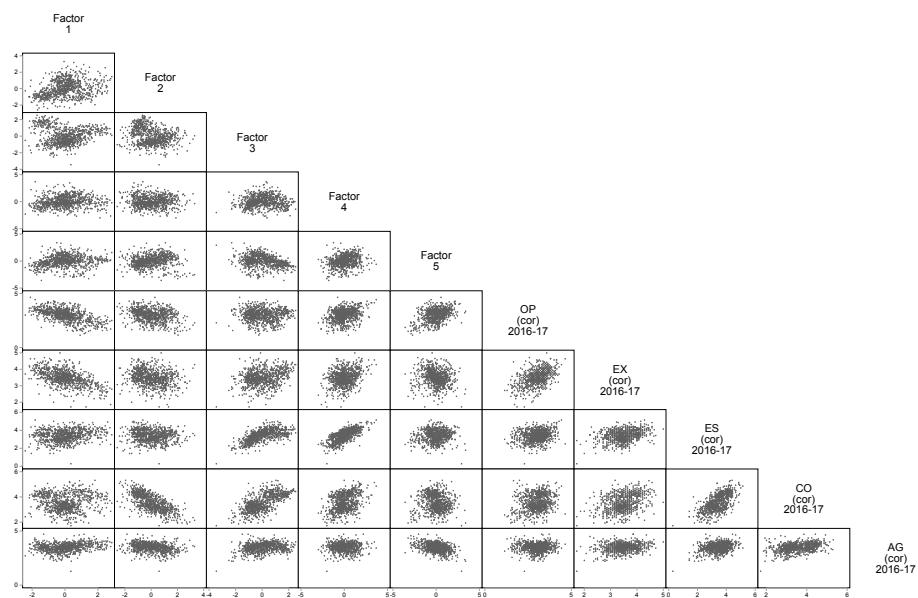
**Table 9:** Details for personality test questions

| Variable               | Question   | Big-5 traits |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| curious                | Are you curious, interested in learning new things?                  | OP           |
| interestbyart          | Are you interested in nature, art or music?                          | OP           |
| repetitivetasks        | Do you prefer work that involves repetitive tasks and routines?      | OP           |
| inventive              | Are you inventive, and discover new ways of doing things?            | OP           |
| liketothink            | Do you like to think a lot, and reflect about ideas?                 | OP           |
| newideas               | Do you come up with original or new ideas?                           | OP           |
| activeimagination      | Do you have an active imagination?                                   | OP           |
| organized              | Are you organized?   | CO           |
| makeplans              | Do you make plans and stick to them?                                 | CO           |
| workhard               | Do you work hard to do things well and on time?                      | CO           |
| appointmentontime      | Do you get to work and appointments on time?                         | CO           |
| putoffduties           | Do you put off your duties in order to relax?                        | CO           |
| easilydistracted       | Do you get easily distracted?  | CO           |
| completeduties         | Do you complete your duties on time?                                 | CO           |
| enjoypeople            | Do you enjoy being with people?                                      | EX           |
| sharefeelings          | Do you easily share your thoughts and feelings with other people?    | EX           |
| shywithpeople          | Are you shy with people?   | EX           |
| enthusiastic           | Are you enthusiastic and full of energy?                             | EX           |
| talktomanypeople       | In social gatherings, do you like to talk to many people?            | EX           |
| talkative              | Are you talkative?   | EX           |
| expressedthoughts      | Are you comfortable expressing your thoughts and opinions to others? | EX           |
| workwithother          | Do you work well with other people?                                  | AG           |
| understandotherfeeling | Do you try to understand how other people feel and think?            | AG           |
| trustingofother        | Are you generally trusting of other people?                          | AG           |
| rudeattother           | Do you tend to be rude to other people?                              | AG           |
| toleratefaults         | Do you tolerate faults in other people?                              | AG           |
| forgiveother           | Do you forgive other people easily?                                  | AG           |
| helpfulwithothers      | Are you helpful with others?   | AG           |
| managestress           | Do you manage stress well?   | ES           |
| nervous                | Do you get nervous easily?   | ES           |
| changemood             | Do you have sudden changes in your mood?                             | ES           |
| feeldepressed          | Do you feel sad, depressed?  | ES           |
| easilyupset            | Do you get easily upset?   | ES           |
| worryalot              | Do you worry a lot?  | ES           |
| staycalm               | Do you stay calm in tense or stressful situations?                   | ES           |

**Source:** NEEMSI-1 (2016-17) & NEEMSI-2 (2020-21)



**Figure 6:** Results of factor analysis for 2016-17 raw items  
**Source:** NEEMSSIS-1 (2016-17); author's calculations.



**Figure 7:** Correlation between Factor from EFA and Big-5 personality traits  
**Source:** NEEMSSIS-1 (2016-17); author's calculations.

## C Robustness check

**Table 10:** Marginal effects of the probability of being in debt in 2020-21 with Big-5 personality traits

|                          | (1)                     | (2)                     |                         | (3)                     |                       | (4)                       |                            |                           |                              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                          | ME/(t-stat)<br>All      | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male     | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female   | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC      | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male   | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| OP cor (std)             | -0.028<br>(-1.413)      | -0.001<br>(-0.036)      | -0.050<br>(-1.602)      | -0.044<br>(-1.529)      | -0.016<br>(-0.579)    | 0.025<br>(0.583)          | -0.036<br>(-0.902)         | -0.133<br>(-2.674)        | 0.014<br>(0.364)             |
| CO cor (std)             | <b>0.036</b><br>(1.689) | <b>0.087</b><br>(2.640) | -0.014<br>(-0.443)      | <b>0.076</b><br>(2.383) | 0.005<br>(0.160)      | <b>0.168</b><br>(3.237)   | 0.019<br>(0.409)           | -0.020<br>(-0.411)        | 0.003<br>(0.081)             |
| EX cor (std)             | -0.012<br>(-0.589)      | -0.033<br>(-1.183)      | 0.014<br>(0.470)        | -0.030<br>(-1.004)      | -0.001<br>(-0.029)    | -0.061<br>(-1.450)        | -0.004<br>(-0.108)         | 0.037<br>(0.767)          | -0.009<br>(-0.235)           |
| AG cor (std)             | -0.003<br>(-0.172)      | -0.023<br>(-0.755)      | 0.008<br>(0.345)        | 0.008<br>(0.269)        | -0.015<br>(-0.653)    | -0.000<br>(-0.010)        | -0.050<br>(-1.174)         | -0.013<br>(-0.346)        | 0.008<br>(0.283)             |
| ES cor (std)             | 0.006<br>(0.292)        | -0.023<br>(-0.711)      | 0.042<br>(1.357)        | -0.000<br>(-0.002)      | 0.010<br>(0.339)      | <b>-0.086</b><br>(-1.707) | 0.045<br>(0.978)           | <b>0.093</b><br>(1.936)   | -0.024<br>(-0.587)           |
| Literacy (std)           | 0.036<br>(1.171)        | 0.002<br>(0.043)        | <b>0.080</b><br>(1.924) | 0.051<br>(1.339)        | 0.019<br>(0.450)      | 0.035<br>(0.621)          | -0.029<br>(-0.492)         | 0.092<br>(1.635)          | 0.083<br>(1.524)             |
| Numeracy (std)           | -0.004<br>(-0.140)      | 0.018<br>(0.472)        | -0.025<br>(-0.643)      | -0.021<br>(-0.564)      | 0.007<br>(0.183)      | -0.039<br>(-0.688)        | 0.064<br>(1.122)           | -0.011<br>(-0.215)        | -0.041<br>(-0.806)           |
| Raven (std)              | -0.002<br>(-0.105)      | 0.014<br>(0.429)        | -0.030<br>(-0.929)      | -0.025<br>(-0.839)      | 0.029<br>(0.847)      | -0.011<br>(-0.258)        | 0.057<br>(1.161)           | -0.054<br>(-1.179)        | -0.014<br>(-0.343)           |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17 | 0.401<br>(2.689)        |                         | 0.415<br>(2.726)        |                         | 0.392<br>(2.604)      |                           |                            | 0.409<br>(2.637)          |                              |
| Debtor ratio in 2016-17  | -0.176<br>(-2.434)      |                         | -0.180<br>(-2.500)      |                         | -0.181<br>(-2.500)    |                           |                            | -0.172<br>(-2.292)        |                              |
| Individuals controls     | X                       |                         | X                       |                         | X                     |                           |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls      | X                       |                         | X                       |                         | X                     |                           |                            | X                         |                              |
| Villages FE              | X                       |                         | X                       |                         | X                     |                           |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations             | 830                     |                         | 830                     |                         | 830                   |                           |                            | 830                       |                              |
| McFadden's pseudo $R^2$  | 0.204                   |                         | 0.214                   |                         | 0.210                 |                           |                            | 0.233                     |                              |
| Log-likelihood           | -388.519                |                         | -383.297                |                         | -385.294              |                           |                            | -374.009                  |                              |
| LR $\chi^2$              | 281.935                 |                         | 260.132                 |                         | 331.913               |                           |                            | 312.816                   |                              |
| p-value                  | 0.000                   |                         | 0.000                   |                         | 0.000                 |                           |                            | 0.000                     |                              |

**Source:** NEEMSIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMSIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Table 11:** Marginal effects of the total loan amount in 2020-21 for Big-5 personality traits

|                          | (1)                 | (2)                 |                       | (3)                 |                       | (4)                     |                            |                           |                              |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                          | ME/(t-stat)<br>All  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| OP cor (std)             | 8.716<br>(0.921)    | 4.611<br>(0.289)    | 15.092<br>(1.704)     | 2.314<br>(0.124)    | 14.918<br>(2.025)     | -5.070<br>(-0.172)      | 11.260<br>(0.276)          | 6.690<br>(0.938)          | 17.174<br>(2.255)            |
| CO cor (std)             | -6.365<br>(-0.672)  | -20.957<br>(-1.163) | 8.105<br>(0.899)      | -24.016<br>(-1.200) | 0.549<br>(0.066)      | -68.128<br>(-1.846)     | 13.240<br>(1.015)          | 21.158<br>(1.434)         | -10.144<br>(-1.257)          |
| EX cor (std)             | 12.076<br>(1.265)   | 17.815<br>(1.153)   | 6.498<br>(0.734)      | 30.376<br>(1.603)   | -6.451<br>(-0.814)    | 39.121<br>(1.311)       | -0.852<br>(-0.083)         | 16.055<br>(0.974)         | -5.694<br>(-0.745)           |
| AG cor (std)             | -6.005<br>(-0.737)  | -13.223<br>(-0.925) | 1.453<br>(0.235)      | -14.587<br>(-0.862) | 0.960<br>(0.166)      | -26.596<br>(-0.926)     | -6.554<br>(-0.552)         | -3.220<br>(-0.312)        | 2.466<br>(0.404)             |
| ES cor (std)             | 7.133<br>(0.513)    | 21.308<br>(0.934)   | -8.651<br>(-0.727)    | 31.221<br>(1.138)   | -9.323<br>(-1.163)    | 80.452<br>(1.689)       | -22.209<br>(-1.744)        | -17.736<br>(-0.835)       | 5.469<br>(0.640)             |
| Literacy (std)           | 0.424<br>(0.028)    | 11.301<br>(0.546)   | -15.628<br>(-0.981)   | 2.033<br>(0.092)    | 10.371<br>(0.754)     | 6.931<br>(0.218)        | 13.324<br>(0.674)          | -4.993<br>(-0.221)        | 0.417<br>(0.026)             |
| Numeracy (std)           | 5.493<br>(0.531)    | 4.730<br>(0.329)    | 5.797<br>(0.370)      | 24.358<br>(1.351)   | -11.361<br>(-1.137)   | 21.377<br>(0.845)       | -1.600<br>(-0.103)         | 26.245<br>(1.086)         | -17.130<br>(-1.214)          |
| Raven (std)              | -0.382<br>(-0.041)  | 7.297<br>(0.505)    | -6.000<br>(-0.485)    | 1.813<br>(0.119)    | -5.194<br>(-0.437)    | 32.964<br>(1.511)       | -22.376<br>(-1.094)        | -35.068<br>(-1.613)       | 15.790<br>(1.482)            |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17 | -19.082<br>(-0.730) |                     | -14.824<br>(-0.589)   |                     | -17.256<br>(-0.676)   |                         |                            | -11.773<br>(-0.474)       |                              |
| IMR in 2016-17           | -70.627<br>(-0.697) |                     | -78.100<br>(-0.814)   |                     | -55.156<br>(-0.531)   |                         |                            | -21.985<br>(-0.225)       |                              |
| Individuals controls     | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls      | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Villages FE              | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations             | 602                 |                     | 602                   |                     | 602                   |                         |                            | 602                       |                              |
| R <sup>2</sup>           | 0.255               |                     | 0.264                 |                     | 0.275                 |                         |                            | 0.308                     |                              |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>  | 0.212               |                     | 0.210                 |                     | 0.221                 |                         |                            | 0.235                     |                              |
| F-stat                   | 4.224               |                     | 3.592                 |                     | 4.475                 |                         |                            | 2.515                     |                              |
| p-value                  | 0.000               |                     | 0.000                 |                     | 0.000                 |                         |                            | 0.000                     |                              |

Note: Marginal effects with T-stat in parentheses.

Source: NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Table 12:** Marginal effects of the individual debt service ratio in 2020-21 with Big-5 personality traits

|                          | (1)                 | (2)                 |                       | (3)                 |                       | (4)                     |                            |                           |                              |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                          | ME/(t-stat)<br>All  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC  | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| OP cor (std)             | -24.477<br>(-0.922) | 5.223<br>(0.146)    | -66.616<br>(-1.453)   | -35.138<br>(-0.871) | -16.614<br>(-0.511)   | 14.316<br>(0.267)       | -12.199<br>(-0.278)        | -130.545<br>(-1.450)      | -31.577<br>(-0.666)          |
| CO cor (std)             | -12.721<br>(-0.388) | 40.947<br>(0.784)   | -54.559<br>(-1.082)   | -19.731<br>(-0.380) | -4.984<br>(-0.129)    | 29.064<br>(0.323)       | 45.501<br>(1.056)          | -67.165<br>(-0.859)       | -49.462<br>(-0.709)          |
| EX cor (std)             | 80.956<br>(2.739)   | 59.046<br>(1.486)   | 91.890<br>(1.871)     | 87.214<br>(1.841)   | 77.024<br>(2.053)     | 91.484<br>(1.160)       | 25.816<br>(0.671)          | 45.499<br>(0.624)         | 126.211<br>(1.755)           |
| AG cor (std)             | -28.529<br>(-1.290) | -6.014<br>(-0.169)  | -65.549<br>(-1.967)   | -32.255<br>(-0.977) | -21.545<br>(-0.719)   | -30.129<br>(-0.524)     | 2.434<br>(0.053)           | -93.149<br>(-2.128)       | -40.410<br>(-0.951)          |
| ES cor (std)             | -45.889<br>(-1.612) | -56.884<br>(-1.502) | -44.589<br>(-0.800)   | -65.326<br>(-1.826) | -23.307<br>(-0.518)   | -48.824<br>(-0.788)     | -57.204<br>(-0.977)        | -90.899<br>(-1.136)       | 5.426<br>(0.066)             |
| Literacy (std)           | 1.491<br>(0.041)    | -19.679<br>(-0.468) | 13.658<br>(0.267)     | -1.785<br>(-0.035)  | 0.600<br>(0.013)      | -5.894<br>(-0.097)      | -52.990<br>(-0.997)        | -58.534<br>(-0.721)       | 53.001<br>(0.793)            |
| Numeracy (std)           | -21.377<br>(-0.705) | -51.413<br>(-1.461) | 34.609<br>(0.617)     | -22.528<br>(-0.487) | -23.628<br>(-0.637)   | -68.698<br>(-1.285)     | -30.003<br>(-0.580)        | 88.601<br>(0.996)         | -11.134<br>(-0.188)          |
| Raven (std)              | 15.971<br>(0.544)   | -36.464<br>(-1.448) | 69.068<br>(1.120)     | 30.002<br>(0.659)   | -2.707<br>(-0.061)    | -34.470<br>(-1.103)     | -29.085<br>(-0.668)        | 118.936<br>(1.209)        | 19.107<br>(0.267)            |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17 | 21.330<br>(0.275)   |                     | 5.348<br>(0.073)      |                     | 19.377<br>(0.243)     |                         |                            | -8.400<br>(-0.111)        |                              |
| IMR in 2016-17           | 37.530<br>(0.120)   |                     | 49.078<br>(0.198)     |                     | 46.253<br>(0.133)     |                         |                            | 68.365<br>(0.263)         |                              |
| Individuals controls     | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls      | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Villages FE              | X                   |                     | X                     |                     | X                     |                         |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations             | 602                 |                     | 602                   |                     | 602                   |                         |                            | 602                       |                              |
| R <sup>2</sup>           | 0.073               |                     | 0.099                 |                     | 0.076                 |                         |                            | 0.116                     |                              |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>  | 0.020               |                     | 0.033                 |                     | 0.009                 |                         |                            | 0.022                     |                              |
| F-stat                   | 3.442               |                     | 1.459                 |                     | 2.108                 |                         |                            | 1.233                     |                              |
| p-value                  | 0.000               |                     | 0.037                 |                     | 0.000                 |                         |                            | 0.128                     |                              |

Note: Marginal effects with T-stat in parentheses.

Source: NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

**Table 13:** Marginal effects of the individual debt path between 2016-17 and 2020-21 with Big-5 personal-ity traits

|                        | (1)                       | (2)                       |                           | (3)                       |                       | (4)                       |                            |                           |                              |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                        | ME/(t-stat)<br>All        | ME/(t-stat)<br>Male       | ME/(t-stat)<br>Female     | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC        | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC male   | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits male | ME/(t-stat)<br>MUC female | ME/(t-stat)<br>Dalits female |
| <b>Never in debt</b>   |                           |                           |                           |                           |                       |                           |                            |                           |                              |
| OP cor (std)           | 0.007<br>(0.909)          | -0.005<br>(-0.337)        | 0.008<br>(1.229)          | 0.013<br>(1.131)          | 0.002<br>(0.286)      | -0.016<br>(-0.861)        | 0.019<br>(1.161)           | <b>0.023</b><br>(1.964)   | 0.000<br>(0.058)             |
| CO cor (std)           | <b>-0.014</b><br>(-1.696) | <b>-0.041</b><br>(-1.959) | -0.003<br>(-0.518)        | <b>-0.031</b><br>(-2.432) | 0.002<br>(0.233)      | -0.030<br>(-1.307)        | -0.041<br>(-1.560)         | <b>-0.022</b><br>(-1.890) | 0.006<br>(1.351)             |
| EX cor (std)           | 0.002<br>(0.314)          | 0.006<br>(0.346)          | 0.000<br>(0.018)          | 0.014<br>(1.177)          | -0.007<br>(-0.808)    | 0.016<br>(0.865)          | -0.012<br>(-0.511)         | 0.009<br>(1.028)          | -0.003<br>(-1.294)           |
| AG cor (std)           | <b>0.012</b><br>(1.872)   | 0.018<br>(1.047)          | <b>0.009</b><br>(1.767)   | 0.014<br>(1.431)          | 0.008<br>(1.000)      | -0.004<br>(-0.268)        | 0.037<br>(1.558)           | <b>0.016</b><br>(1.876)   | 0.001<br>(0.279)             |
| ES cor (std)           | -0.001<br>(-0.145)        | 0.018<br>(1.089)          | -0.007<br>(-1.224)        | 0.006<br>(0.618)          | -0.009<br>(-0.974)    | 0.023<br>(1.014)          | -0.002<br>(-0.078)         | -0.002<br>(-0.344)        | -0.006<br>(-1.444)           |
| Literacy (std)         | -0.021<br>(-1.569)        | -0.019<br>(-0.643)        | -0.015<br>(-1.638)        | <b>-0.030</b><br>(-1.699) | -0.009<br>(-0.752)    | -0.002<br>(-0.114)        | -0.028<br>(-0.927)         | -0.021<br>(-1.512)        | 0.002<br>(0.627)             |
| Numeracy (std)         | 0.005<br>(0.613)          | -0.014<br>(-0.640)        | 0.009<br>(1.195)          | 0.002<br>(0.132)          | 0.004<br>(0.433)      | -0.018<br>(-0.830)        | -0.013<br>(-0.490)         | 0.009<br>(0.770)          | -0.000<br>(-0.045)           |
| Raven (std)            | -0.004<br>(-0.622)        | 0.008<br>(0.540)          | -0.007<br>(-1.162)        | 0.008<br>(0.792)          | -0.014<br>(-1.388)    | 0.015<br>(1.247)          | -0.011<br>(-0.465)         | -0.001<br>(-0.156)        | -0.006<br>(-1.419)           |
| <b>Out of debt</b>     |                           |                           |                           |                           |                       |                           |                            |                           |                              |
| OP cor (std)           | 0.018<br>(0.997)          | 0.001<br>(0.048)          | 0.032<br>(1.061)          | 0.028<br>(1.125)          | 0.008<br>(0.323)      | -0.014<br>(-0.384)        | 0.021<br>(0.572)           | <b>0.096</b><br>(2.173)   | -0.025<br>(-0.664)           |
| CO cor (std)           | -0.014<br>(-0.702)        | <b>-0.045</b><br>(-1.721) | 0.025<br>(0.812)          | -0.027<br>(-0.932)        | -0.009<br>(-0.355)    | <b>-0.114</b><br>(-2.550) | 0.007<br>(0.186)           | 0.064<br>(1.351)          | -0.023<br>(-0.629)           |
| EX cor (std)           | 0.002<br>(0.083)          | 0.011<br>(0.454)          | -0.007<br>(-0.243)        | 0.009<br>(0.348)          | 0.001<br>(0.021)      | 0.034<br>(0.999)          | -0.008<br>(-0.229)         | -0.047<br>(-0.986)        | 0.026<br>(0.709)             |
| AG cor (std)           | -0.010<br>(-0.624)        | 0.003<br>(0.116)          | -0.018<br>(-0.744)        | -0.020<br>(-0.815)        | 0.008<br>(0.360)      | -0.005<br>(-0.129)        | 0.018<br>(0.524)           | -0.008<br>(-0.221)        | 0.002<br>(0.058)             |
| ES cor (std)           | -0.007<br>(-0.358)        | 0.017<br>(0.639)          | -0.041<br>(-1.351)        | -0.009<br>(-0.319)        | 0.003<br>(0.098)      | 0.065<br>(1.463)          | -0.034<br>(-0.878)         | <b>-0.096</b><br>(-2.161) | 0.046<br>(1.157)             |
| Literacy (std)         | -0.008<br>(-0.300)        | 0.014<br>(0.424)          | -0.046<br>(-1.112)        | -0.018<br>(-0.554)        | 0.004<br>(0.119)      | -0.037<br>(-0.803)        | 0.062<br>(1.222)           | -0.036<br>(-0.637)        | -0.080<br>(-1.430)           |
| Numeracy (std)         | -0.006<br>(-0.256)        | -0.010<br>(-0.326)        | 0.011<br>(0.307)          | 0.008<br>(0.237)          | -0.014<br>(-0.432)    | 0.046<br>(1.014)          | -0.058<br>(-1.179)         | -0.011<br>(-0.228)        | 0.036<br>(0.704)             |
| Raven (std)            | 0.014<br>(0.690)          | -0.005<br>(-0.187)        | 0.036<br>(1.116)          | 0.025<br>(0.946)          | -0.004<br>(-0.140)    | 0.010<br>(0.266)          | -0.034<br>(-0.826)         | 0.046<br>(1.045)          | 0.035<br>(0.851)             |
| <b>Becomes in debt</b> |                           |                           |                           |                           |                       |                           |                            |                           |                              |
| OP cor (std)           | 0.000<br>(0.033)          | 0.023<br>(1.104)          | -0.012<br>(-0.618)        | -0.003<br>(-0.166)        | 0.002<br>(0.078)      | 0.026<br>(1.184)          | 0.017<br>(0.465)           | -0.030<br>(-0.815)        | -0.006<br>(-0.245)           |
| CO cor (std)           | -0.000<br>(-0.005)        | 0.007<br>(0.252)          | 0.003<br>(0.124)          | -0.009<br>(-0.401)        | 0.009<br>(0.296)      | 0.022<br>(0.975)          | 0.011<br>(0.215)           | -0.015<br>(-0.388)        | 0.017<br>(0.610)             |
| EX cor (std)           | 0.020<br>(1.369)          | -0.004<br>(-0.204)        | <b>0.043</b><br>(1.964)   | <b>0.032</b><br>(1.655)   | 0.007<br>(0.307)      | -0.010<br>(-0.479)        | 0.001<br>(0.023)           | <b>0.105</b><br>(2.407)   | -0.002<br>(-0.056)           |
| AG cor (std)           | 0.002<br>(0.157)          | -0.023<br>(-1.024)        | 0.018<br>(1.097)          | 0.005<br>(0.277)          | -0.009<br>(-0.403)    | 0.000<br>(0.009)          | -0.054<br>(-1.504)         | 0.009<br>(0.382)          | 0.014<br>(0.590)             |
| ES cor (std)           | -0.007<br>(-0.443)        | 0.012<br>(0.510)          | -0.024<br>(-1.070)        | -0.006<br>(-0.278)        | -0.011<br>(-0.428)    | -0.020<br>(-0.806)        | 0.025<br>(0.650)           | -0.009<br>(-0.246)        | -0.035<br>(-1.135)           |
| Literacy (std)         | 0.007<br>(0.315)          | 0.012<br>(0.377)          | 0.004<br>(0.140)          | -0.002<br>(-0.091)        | 0.018<br>(0.511)      | 0.018<br>(0.501)          | 0.016<br>(0.306)           | 0.009<br>(0.281)          | 0.024<br>(0.596)             |
| Numeracy (std)         | 0.009<br>(0.448)          | -0.007<br>(-0.219)        | 0.033<br>(1.211)          | 0.003<br>(0.113)          | 0.016<br>(0.466)      | -0.035<br>(-1.367)        | 0.023<br>(0.445)           | 0.046<br>(1.242)          | 0.011<br>(0.258)             |
| Raven (std)            | -0.017<br>(-0.941)        | 0.033<br>(1.415)          | <b>-0.069</b><br>(-2.657) | -0.023<br>(-1.128)        | -0.009<br>(-0.295)    | 0.025<br>(1.094)          | 0.045<br>(1.105)           | <b>-0.092</b><br>(-2.432) | -0.055<br>(-1.531)           |
| <b>Always in debt</b>  |                           |                           |                           |                           |                       |                           |                            |                           |                              |
| OP cor (std)           | -0.025<br>(-1.123)        | -0.019<br>(-0.597)        | -0.028<br>(-0.872)        | -0.038<br>(-1.171)        | -0.012<br>(-0.396)    | 0.003<br>(0.081)          | -0.057<br>(-1.208)         | <b>-0.090</b><br>(-1.689) | 0.031<br>(0.750)             |
| CO cor (std)           | 0.028<br>(1.103)          | <b>0.079</b><br>(2.021)   | -0.024<br>(-0.682)        | <b>0.067</b><br>(1.899)   | -0.002<br>(-0.053)    | <b>0.122</b><br>(2.342)   | 0.023<br>(0.386)           | -0.027<br>(-0.479)        | -0.000<br>(-0.007)           |
| EX cor (std)           | -0.023<br>(-0.058)        | -0.013<br>(-0.423)        | -0.036<br>(-1.051)        | <b>-0.055</b><br>(-1.697) | -0.001<br>(-0.021)    | -0.041<br>(-0.970)        | 0.020<br>(0.433)           | -0.068<br>(-1.204)        | -0.021<br>(-0.476)           |
| AG cor (std)           | -0.004<br>(-0.211)        | 0.002<br>(0.052)          | -0.009<br>(-0.338)        | 0.001<br>(0.040)          | -0.006<br>(-0.212)    | 0.008<br>(0.178)          | -0.001<br>(-0.013)         | -0.016<br>(-0.396)        | -0.016<br>(-0.465)           |
| ES cor (std)           | 0.015<br>(0.644)          | -0.047<br>(-1.257)        | <b>0.072</b><br>(2.128)   | 0.009<br>(0.267)          | 0.018<br>(0.530)      | -0.068<br>(-1.300)        | 0.011<br>(0.202)           | <b>0.108</b><br>(2.247)   | -0.005<br>(-0.103)           |
| Literacy (std)         | 0.022<br>(0.638)          | -0.007<br>(-0.153)        | 0.057<br>(1.256)          | 0.051<br>(1.222)          | -0.013<br>(-0.271)    | 0.021<br>(0.388)          | -0.050<br>(-0.738)         | 0.048<br>(0.784)          | 0.054<br>(0.847)             |
| Numeracy (std)         | -0.009<br>(-0.295)        | 0.031<br>(0.711)          | -0.054<br>(-1.271)        | -0.012<br>(-0.297)        | -0.006<br>(-0.133)    | 0.007<br>(0.138)          | 0.049<br>(0.751)           | -0.044<br>(-0.748)        | -0.047<br>(-0.785)           |
| Raven (std)            | 0.007<br>(0.294)          | -0.036<br>(-1.022)        | 0.040<br>(1.094)          | -0.009<br>(-0.300)        | 0.027<br>(0.672)      | -0.050<br>(-1.175)        | -0.000<br>(-0.000)         | 0.048<br>(0.975)          | 0.027<br>(0.503)             |
| Individuals controls   | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                     |                           |                            | X                         |                              |
| Individuals controls   | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                     |                           |                            | X                         |                              |
| Households controls    | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                     |                           |                            | X                         |                              |
| Villages FE            | X                         |                           | X                         |                           | X                     |                           |                            | X                         |                              |
| Observations           | 830                       |                           | 830                       |                           | 830                   |                           |                            | 830                       |                              |
| Log-likelihood         | -691.062                  |                           | -676.968                  |                           | -682.845              |                           |                            | -649.005                  |                              |
| LR $\chi^2$            | 333.100                   |                           | 383.229                   |                           | 409.114               |                           |                            | 533.366                   |                              |
| p-value                | 0.000                     |                           | 0.000                     |                           | 0.000                 |                           |                            | 0.000                     |                              |

Source: NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

## D Detailed tables

**Table 14:** Complete regression table for Heckman procedure with factors as personality traits – **Source :** NEEMSIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMSIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

|                          | (1)                |                     |                      | (2)                |                     |                      | (3)                |                     |                      | (4)                |                     |                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                          | b/t                | b/t                 | b/t                  |
|                          | Indebted           | Amount              | DSR                  |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17 | 0.414<br>(2.752)   | -19.063<br>(-0.677) | 6.689<br>(0.086)     | 0.412<br>(2.719)   | -5.392<br>(-0.222)  | -14.044<br>(-0.181)  | 0.390<br>(2.563)   | 3.533<br>(0.141)    | -19.067<br>(-0.241)  | 0.389<br>(2.523)   | 12.755<br>(0.575)   | -64.112<br>(-0.766)  |
| Factor 1 (std)           | -0.106<br>(-1.915) | 16.393<br>(1.979)   | 48.149<br>(2.107)    | -0.029<br>(-0.352) | 17.804<br>(1.419)   | 21.127<br>(0.659)    | -0.245<br>(-3.047) | 23.584<br>(1.651)   | 63.143<br>(1.651)    | -0.145<br>(-1.254) | 40.167<br>(1.861)   | 74.766<br>(1.327)    |
| Factor 2 (std)           | 0.015<br>(0.276)   | -18.845<br>(-1.820) | -47.470<br>(-1.957)  | 0.134<br>(1.709)   | -29.207<br>(-1.736) | -3.555<br>(-0.131)   | 0.079<br>(1.030)   | -33.633<br>(-1.827) | -48.854<br>(-1.541)  | 0.276<br>(2.385)   | -49.214<br>(-1.728) | -49.443<br>(-1.113)  |
| Factor 3 (std)           | -0.057<br>(-1.036) | -18.688<br>(-1.965) | 4.064<br>(0.157)     | -0.017<br>(-0.217) | -23.697<br>(-1.705) | -12.703<br>(-0.346)  | -0.117<br>(-1.525) | -33.710<br>(-2.140) | 8.368<br>(0.233)     | -0.064<br>(-0.603) | -37.416<br>(-1.873) | -32.003<br>(-0.644)  |
| Factor 4 (std)           | 0.005<br>(0.096)   | -0.584<br>(-0.047)  | -26.730<br>(-1.063)  | 0.051<br>(0.677)   | 0.619<br>(0.027)    | -10.476<br>(-0.422)  | -0.068<br>(-0.879) | 14.518<br>(0.539)   | -63.622<br>(-1.506)  | -0.101<br>(-0.872) | 28.774<br>(0.592)   | 17.508<br>(0.438)    |
| Factor 5 (std)           | -0.081<br>(-1.441) | -2.732<br>(-0.303)  | 10.980<br>(0.459)    | -0.104<br>(-1.342) | -1.913<br>(-0.142)  | 18.891<br>(0.660)    | -0.135<br>(-1.619) | 7.001<br>(0.412)    | -0.423<br>(-0.014)   | -0.185<br>(-1.580) | 4.561<br>(0.182)    | 37.718<br>(0.958)    |
| Raven (std)              | 0.017<br>(0.239)   | 1.445<br>(0.149)    | 22.855<br>(0.808)    | 0.067<br>(0.711)   | 9.408<br>(0.620)    | -29.403<br>(-1.122)  | -0.051<br>(-0.567) | -5.642<br>(-0.384)  | 39.039<br>(0.904)    | 0.013<br>(0.102)   | 21.417<br>(1.021)   | -35.522<br>(-1.268)  |
| Numeracy (std)           | -0.025<br>(-0.304) | 8.499<br>(0.817)    | -12.463<br>(-0.429)  | 0.006<br>(0.053)   | 12.838<br>(0.797)   | -34.833<br>(-1.057)  | -0.043<br>(-0.375) | 29.880<br>(1.537)   | 0.458<br>(0.011)     | -0.148<br>(-0.909) | 21.719<br>(0.709)   | -21.272<br>(-0.465)  |
| Literacy (std)           | 0.107<br>(1.093)   | 4.945<br>(0.315)    | 4.130<br>(0.118)     | -0.005<br>(-0.039) | 13.862<br>(0.670)   | -19.495<br>(-0.459)  | 0.144<br>(1.240)   | 12.692<br>(0.551)   | -11.696<br>(-0.250)  | 0.098<br>(0.608)   | 15.986<br>(0.541)   | -15.835<br>(-0.264)  |
| Age                      | 0.126<br>(4.521)   | 8.718<br>(0.941)    | -2.220<br>(-0.100)   | 0.131<br>(4.485)   | 10.208<br>(1.408)   | 3.555<br>(0.157)     | 0.131<br>(4.616)   | 15.468<br>(1.608)   | -13.942<br>(-0.650)  | 0.139<br>(4.598)   | 18.531<br>(2.485)   | -19.999<br>(-0.747)  |
| Age square               | -0.001<br>(-4.651) | -0.099<br>(-0.958)  | 0.026<br>(0.108)     | -0.001<br>(-4.566) | -0.118<br>(-1.483)  | -0.030<br>(-0.124)   | -0.001<br>(-4.742) | -0.172<br>(-1.610)  | 0.151<br>(0.663)     | -0.002<br>(-4.687) | -0.206<br>(-2.533)  | 0.216<br>(0.759)     |
| HH head (=1)             | 0.183<br>(0.970)   | 15.088<br>(0.490)   | 101.941<br>(1.556)   | 0.135<br>(0.671)   | 32.978<br>(0.918)   | 52.552<br>(0.893)    | 0.194<br>(1.009)   | 33.218<br>(1.156)   | 83.979<br>(1.265)    | 0.154<br>(0.751)   | 47.152<br>(1.364)   | 35.237<br>(0.587)    |
| MO: Agri                 | 0.724<br>(2.891)   | .                   | .                    | 0.795<br>(3.156)   | .                   | .                    | 0.763<br>(2.962)   | .                   | .                    | 0.837<br>(3.164)   | .                   | .                    |
| MO: SE                   | 0.429<br>(1.974)   | 38.441<br>(0.706)   | -132.524<br>(-0.822) | 0.448<br>(2.064)   | 33.153<br>(0.624)   | -147.530<br>(-0.895) | 0.445<br>(2.044)   | 26.693<br>(0.519)   | -120.578<br>(-0.766) | 0.449<br>(2.011)   | 17.198<br>(0.360)   | -128.908<br>(-0.770) |
| MO: SJ agri              | 0.686<br>(3.368)   | 0.523<br>(0.012)    | -146.293<br>(-0.941) | 0.747<br>(3.592)   | -2.637<br>(-0.062)  | -141.866<br>(-0.919) | 0.682<br>(3.356)   | 13.193<br>(0.301)   | -154.301<br>(-0.989) | 0.717<br>(3.444)   | 5.665<br>(0.137)    | -149.755<br>(-0.947) |
| MO: SJ non-agri          | 0.353<br>(2.294)   | 33.453<br>(0.631)   | -78.000<br>(-0.468)  | 0.418<br>(2.670)   | 24.771<br>(0.492)   | -82.768<br>(-0.501)  | 0.369<br>(2.368)   | 29.229<br>(0.589)   | -67.027<br>(-0.417)  | 0.424<br>(2.659)   | 16.359<br>(0.361)   | -63.356<br>(-0.379)  |
| MO: UW or NW             | .                  | 39.401<br>(0.578)   | 40.642<br>(0.181)    | .                  | 20.560<br>(0.352)   | 45.640<br>(0.204)    | .                  | 19.418<br>(0.299)   | 75.611<br>(0.364)    | .                  | 3.526<br>(0.068)    | 129.019<br>(0.595)   |
| School educ (=1)         | 0.006<br>(0.036)   | -5.998<br>(-0.248)  | 34.277<br>(0.543)    | 0.018<br>(0.111)   | -5.930<br>(-0.237)  | 42.246<br>(0.649)    | 0.007<br>(0.044)   | -10.668<br>(-0.463) | 35.681<br>(0.549)    | -0.012<br>(-0.075) | -10.211<br>(-0.422) | 45.863<br>(0.655)    |
| Married (=1)             | 0.498<br>(3.658)   | -13.689<br>(-0.430) | 129.471<br>(1.560)   | 0.486<br>(3.235)   | 14.061<br>(0.413)   | 59.663<br>(0.794)    | 0.494<br>(3.593)   | 9.871<br>(0.300)    | 97.785<br>(1.293)    | 0.521<br>(3.371)   | 32.984<br>(0.871)   | -9.321<br>(-0.126)   |
| Multiple occupation (=1) | 0.074<br>(0.594)   | 25.029<br>(1.425)   | -36.350<br>(-0.610)  | 0.048<br>(0.376)   | 25.787<br>(1.453)   | -35.699<br>(-0.609)  | 0.075<br>(0.603)   | 33.680<br>(1.786)   | -46.928<br>(-0.753)  | 0.050<br>(0.384)   | 32.579<br>(1.790)   | -49.827<br>(-0.822)  |
| Assets (1,000 INR)       | 0.000<br>(1.194)   | 0.040<br>(2.313)    | 0.009<br>(0.338)     | 0.000<br>(1.118)   | 0.041<br>(2.345)    | 0.011<br>(0.430)     | 0.000<br>(1.415)   | 0.041<br>(2.503)    | 0.005<br>(0.200)     | 0.000<br>(1.383)   | 0.040<br>(2.646)    | 0.002<br>(0.072)     |
| SR: More female          | 0.131<br>(1.051)   | 15.264<br>(0.744)   | 11.125<br>(0.215)    | 0.171<br>(1.370)   | 9.633<br>(0.482)    | 29.374<br>(0.566)    | 0.128<br>(1.014)   | 6.559<br>(0.334)    | 22.361<br>(0.420)    | 0.154<br>(1.221)   | 4.889<br>(0.250)    | 56.670<br>(0.990)    |
| SR: Same nb              | 0.244<br>(1.984)   | .                   | .                    | 0.254<br>(2.056)   | .                   | .                    | 0.253<br>(2.023)   | .                   | .                    | 0.272<br>(2.094)   | .                   | .                    |
| SR: More male            | .                  | 12.386<br>(0.523)   | 82.948<br>(1.219)    | .                  | 5.275<br>(0.234)    | 92.369<br>(1.389)    | .                  | 1.964<br>(0.085)    | 102.041<br>(1.441)   | .                  | -2.396<br>(-0.111)  | 135.943<br>(1.835)   |
| Household size           | -0.027<br>(-0.991) | 6.248<br>(1.394)    | 11.478<br>(1.038)    | -0.031<br>(-1.127) | 7.290<br>(1.666)    | 7.182<br>(0.641)     | -0.020<br>(-0.744) | 6.165<br>(1.340)    | 9.713<br>(0.848)     | -0.026<br>(-0.922) | 6.997<br>(1.608)    | 4.294<br>(0.346)     |
| Shock (=1)               | -0.075<br>(-0.679) | 21.435<br>(1.167)   | 7.567<br>(0.128)     | -0.073<br>(-0.645) | 19.940<br>(1.112)   | 14.578<br>(0.252)    | -0.079<br>(-0.711) | 15.582<br>(0.954)   | 17.172<br>(0.287)    | -0.091<br>(-0.792) | 12.425<br>(0.780)   | 27.722<br>(0.484)    |
| Total income (1,000 INR) | 0.000<br>(0.000)   | 0.030<br>(0.032)    | -0.016<br>(0.003)    | 0.000<br>(0.000)   | 0.032<br>(0.003)    | 0.003<br>(0.000)     | 0.000<br>(0.042)   | 0.042<br>(-0.011)   | -0.011<br>(0.000)    | 0.000<br>(0.043)   | 0.043<br>(-0.007)   | .                    |

|                                 |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                 | (0.459) | (0.727)  | (-0.252) | (0.359)  | (0.764)  | (0.058)  | (0.287)  | (1.087)  | (-0.192) | (0.346)  | (1.190)  | (-0.132) |
| Loc: near Panruti               | 0.480   | 77.063   | 302.825  | 0.346    | 89.236   | 215.010  | 0.299    | 65.230   | 335.008  | 0.200    | 99.549   | 158.327  |
|                                 | (2.575) | (1.295)  | (3.155)  | (1.746)  | (1.402)  | (2.493)  | (1.478)  | (0.814)  | (2.894)  | (0.859)  | (1.103)  | (1.769)  |
| Loc: near Villupuram            | 0.612   | 21.489   | 182.116  | 0.513    | 34.490   | 97.066   | 0.463    | 21.433   | 202.636  | 0.392    | 56.009   | 33.524   |
|                                 | (2.896) | (0.369)  | (2.360)  | (2.305)  | (0.558)  | (1.261)  | (2.069)  | (0.270)  | (2.204)  | (1.548)  | (0.632)  | (0.402)  |
| Loc: near Tiruppur              | 0.351   | .        | .        | 0.174    | .        | .        | 0.282    | .        | .        | 0.073    | .        | .        |
|                                 | (0.814) | .        | .        | (0.391)  | .        | .        | (0.664)  | .        | .        | (0.154)  | .        | .        |
| Loc: near Chengalpattu          | 0.438   | 8.901    | 203.985  | 0.287    | 26.754   | 67.204   | 0.249    | 8.026    | 224.032  | 0.120    | 53.369   | 12.852   |
|                                 | (1.880) | (0.166)  | (2.299)  | (1.185)  | (0.459)  | (0.780)  | (1.014)  | (0.106)  | (1.980)  | (0.440)  | (0.627)  | (0.135)  |
| Loc: near Kanchipuram           | 0.705   | 14.914   | 186.459  | 0.559    | 40.217   | 65.047   | 0.559    | 24.538   | 177.873  | 0.395    | 74.668   | -17.470  |
|                                 | (2.067) | (0.238)  | (1.711)  | (1.621)  | (0.610)  | (0.637)  | (1.727)  | (0.296)  | (1.538)  | (1.124)  | (0.818)  | (-0.165) |
| Loc: near Chennai               | .       | -52.240  | 91.536   | .        | -55.393  | 72.536   | .        | -74.154  | 137.583  | .        | -50.077  | 65.158   |
|                                 | .       | (-0.882) | (0.818)  | .        | (-0.945) | (0.681)  | .        | (-0.948) | (1.078)  | .        | (-0.590) | (0.653)  |
| Female (=1)                     | 0.158   | -34.793  | 197.604  | 0.171    | 27.916   | -87.425  | 0.158    | -22.025  | 179.990  | -0.175   | 16.592   | -155.866 |
|                                 | (0.937) | (-1.226) | (3.288)  | (0.601)  | (0.628)  | (-0.813) | (0.930)  | (-0.859) | (2.840)  | (-0.469) | (0.361)  | (-0.910) |
| Dalits (=1)                     | 0.152   | -29.778  | -4.203   | 0.160    | -28.078  | 2.820    | -0.032   | 6.468    | 55.673   | -0.402   | 6.692    | 88.776   |
|                                 | (1.419) | (-1.555) | (-0.090) | (1.471)  | (-1.412) | (0.061)  | (-0.154) | (0.282)  | (0.550)  | (-1.231) | (0.153)  | (0.543)  |
| IMR (no int)                    |         | -27.001  | 19.198   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|                                 |         | (-0.269) | (0.067)  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Female X Factor 1 (std)         |         | -0.126   | -8.131   | 62.243   |          |          |          |          |          | -0.183   | -44.995  | -0.691   |
|                                 |         | (-1.067) | (-0.607) | (1.402)  |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.015) | (-1.880) | (-0.009) |
| Female X Factor 2 (std)         |         | -0.281   | 22.092   | -80.345  |          |          |          |          |          | -0.520   | 28.660   | 36.129   |
|                                 |         | (-2.253) | (1.181)  | (-1.364) |          |          |          |          |          | (-2.789) | (0.856)  | (0.486)  |
| Female X Factor 3 (std)         |         | -0.101   | 10.233   | 41.659   |          |          |          |          |          | -0.195   | 0.959    | 156.116  |
|                                 |         | (-0.882) | (0.749)  | (0.792)  |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.192) | (0.043)  | (1.806)  |
| Female X Factor 4 (std)         |         | -0.102   | -5.511   | -42.126  |          |          |          |          |          | -0.031   | -50.489  | -139.894 |
|                                 |         | (-0.883) | (-0.231) | (-0.933) |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.171) | (-1.086) | (-1.747) |
| Female X Factor 5 (std)         |         | 0.014    | -10.396  | -16.814  |          |          |          |          |          | 0.029    | -26.225  | -86.874  |
|                                 |         | (0.124)  | (-0.749) | (-0.351) |          |          |          |          |          | (0.159)  | (-0.935) | (-1.383) |
| Female X Raven (std)            |         | -0.133   | -15.090  | 105.761  |          |          |          |          |          | -0.137   | -65.438  | 196.215  |
|                                 |         | (-0.940) | (-0.760) | (1.600)  |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.708) | (-2.073) | (1.838)  |
| Female X Numeracy (std)         |         | -0.115   | -12.846  | 54.118   |          |          |          |          |          | 0.125    | 2.322    | 71.408   |
|                                 |         | (-0.658) | (-0.536) | (0.828)  |          |          |          |          |          | (0.524)  | (0.058)  | (0.744)  |
| Female X Literacy (std)         |         | 0.278    | -13.018  | 38.035   |          |          |          |          |          | 0.179    | 7.646    | -74.187  |
|                                 |         | (1.620)  | (-0.675) | (0.586)  |          |          |          |          |          | (0.791)  | (0.266)  | (-0.814) |
| IMR (gender int)                |         | 28.434   | -18.563  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|                                 |         | (0.323)  | (-0.069) |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Factor 1 (std)          |         | 0.244    | -21.949  | -22.466  |          |          |          |          |          | 0.178    | -45.905  | -98.358  |
|                                 |         | (2.266)  | (-1.386) | (-0.454) |          |          |          |          |          | (1.098)  | (-2.014) | (-1.253) |
| Dalit X Factor 2 (std)          |         | -0.116   | 25.208   | 7.799    |          |          |          |          |          | -0.288   | 43.923   | 67.133   |
|                                 |         | (-1.078) | (1.293)  | (0.150)  |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.850) | (1.299)  | (1.168)  |
| Dalit X Factor 3 (std)          |         | 0.099    | 27.753   | -6.529   |          |          |          |          |          | 0.034    | 31.916   | 56.770   |
|                                 |         | (0.911)  | (1.692)  | (-0.144) |          |          |          |          |          | (0.218)  | (1.467)  | (0.827)  |
| Dalit X Factor 4 (std)          |         | 0.108    | -26.043  | 64.771   |          |          |          |          |          | 0.265    | -35.102  | -53.415  |
|                                 |         | (1.043)  | (-0.887) | (1.294)  |          |          |          |          |          | (1.714)  | (-0.682) | (-0.934) |
| Dalit X Factor 5 (std)          |         | 0.082    | -22.412  | 30.216   |          |          |          |          |          | 0.122    | -18.062  | -7.216   |
|                                 |         | (0.724)  | (-1.245) | (0.748)  |          |          |          |          |          | (0.781)  | (-0.694) | (-0.152) |
| Dalit X Raven (std)             |         | 0.157    | 11.728   | -40.848  |          |          |          |          |          | 0.147    | -28.918  | -10.681  |
|                                 |         | (1.103)  | (0.610)  | (-0.613) |          |          |          |          |          | (0.803)  | (-1.019) | (-0.192) |
| Dalit X Numeracy (std)          |         | 0.034    | -40.185  | -20.164  |          |          |          |          |          | 0.281    | -10.467  | -20.673  |
|                                 |         | (0.206)  | (-1.782) | (-0.395) |          |          |          |          |          | (1.209)  | (-0.298) | (-0.307) |
| Dalit X Literacy (std)          |         | -0.076   | 2.929    | 13.044   |          |          |          |          |          | -0.184   | -6.087   | -24.822  |
|                                 |         | (-0.460) | (0.137)  | (0.233)  |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.822) | (-0.199) | (-0.356) |
| IMR (caste int)                 |         | 95.547   | -148.052 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|                                 |         | (0.897)  | (-0.536) |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Female X Dalit                  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.732    | 1.179    | 34.376   |
|                                 |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (1.622)  | (0.021)  | (0.172)  |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 1 (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.138    | 64.583   | 118.453  |
|                                 |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (0.584)  | (2.428)  | (1.139)  |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 2 (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.478    | -35.028  | -151.156 |
|                                 |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (1.880)  | (-0.895) | (-1.326) |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 3 (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.246    | 0.581    | -204.614 |
|                                 |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (1.043)  | (0.022)  | (-1.802) |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 4 (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.221   | 46.536   | 210.651  |
|                                 |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.925) | (0.976)  | (1.935)  |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 5 (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.063   | 18.005   | 120.898  |

|                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Dalit X Female X Raven (std)     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.253) | (0.612)  | (1.410)  |
| Dalit X Female X Numeracy (std)  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.039   | 95.254   | -126.195 |
| Dalit X Female X Literacy (std)  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.143) | (2.518)  | (-1.018) |
| IMR (gender and caste int)       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.445   | -44.347  | 2.212    |
| Debtor ratio in 2016-17          | -0.157   |          |          | -0.165   |          |          | -0.152   |          |          | 0.243    | 6.778    |
|                                  | (-2.194) |          |          | (-2.344) |          |          | (-2.141) |          |          | (0.724)  | (0.201)  |
| constant                         | -3.827   | -201.672 | -336.569 | -3.856   | -335.750 | -125.219 | -3.694   | -457.734 | -9.914   | -3.639   | -626.888 |
|                                  | (-5.959) | (-0.773) | (-0.553) | (-5.812) | (-1.496) | (-0.211) | (-5.661) | (-1.582) | (-0.017) | (-5.230) | (-2.467) |
| Observations                     | 831      | 603      | 603      | 831      | 603      | 603      | 831      | 603      | 603      | 831      | 603      |
| R <sup>2</sup>                   |          | 0.263    | 0.069    |          | 0.272    | 0.092    |          | 0.290    | 0.073    |          | 0.322    |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>          |          | 0.220    | 0.015    |          | 0.218    | 0.026    |          | 0.238    | 0.005    |          | 0.249    |
| McFadden's pseudo R <sup>2</sup> | 0.205    |          |          | 0.218    |          |          | 0.214    |          |          | 0.236    |          |
| Log-likelihood                   | -387.994 |          |          | -381.828 |          |          | -383.822 |          |          | -373.271 |          |
| F-stat                           |          | 5.351    | 2.391    |          | 2.969    | 1.587    |          | 4.478    | 1.652    |          | 2.396    |
| LR χ <sup>2</sup>                | 240.884  |          |          | 246.493  |          |          | 326.328  |          |          | 314.239  |          |
| p-value                          | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.014    | 0.000    | 0.008    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.024    |

**Table 15:** Complete regression table for fixed effects analysis – **Source :** NEEMSIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMSIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

|                          | (1)                 |                      | (2)                 |                      | (3)                 |                      | (4)                 |                      |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                          | b/t                 | b/t                  | b/t                 | b/t                  | b/t                 | b/t                  | b/t                 | b/t                  |
|                          | Amount              | DSR                  | Amount              | DSR                  | Amount              | DSR                  | Amount              | DSR                  |
| OP (std)                 | 8.216<br>(0.711)    | -22.105<br>(-0.788)  | 1.490<br>(0.082)    | -15.416<br>(-0.429)  | -0.009<br>(-0.000)  | -9.959<br>(-0.291)   | -21.862<br>(-0.741) | 5.954<br>(0.116)     |
| CO (std)                 | 3.207<br>(0.333)    | -14.114<br>(-0.577)  | 1.567<br>(0.096)    | 4.863<br>(0.281)     | 7.336<br>(0.462)    | 14.388<br>(0.552)    | 9.393<br>(0.365)    | 6.373<br>(0.283)     |
| EX (std)                 | -12.243<br>(-1.110) | 4.867<br>(0.245)     | -10.093<br>(-0.611) | 50.170<br>(1.946)    | -6.388<br>(-0.396)  | 31.643<br>(1.213)    | -0.339<br>(-0.013)  | 66.363<br>(1.544)    |
| AG (std)                 | -1.150<br>(-0.102)  | -14.835<br>(-0.405)  | -2.038<br>(-0.109)  | -35.240<br>(-0.837)  | -6.665<br>(-0.382)  | -51.709<br>(-1.260)  | 0.877<br>(0.033)    | -48.955<br>(-0.914)  |
| ES (std)                 | -6.361<br>(-0.748)  | 5.730<br>(0.204)     | -12.390<br>(-1.049) | -41.313<br>(-1.512)  | -3.642<br>(-0.244)  | -16.029<br>(-0.532)  | -21.097<br>(-1.012) | -69.659<br>(-1.415)  |
| Raven (std)              | -8.431<br>(-0.746)  | 21.823<br>(0.777)    | -23.409<br>(-1.352) | -5.520<br>(-0.407)   | -9.580<br>(-0.486)  | -16.310<br>(-0.560)  | -22.334<br>(-0.839) | -4.259<br>(-0.221)   |
| Numeracy (std)           | -10.156<br>(-1.138) | 11.167<br>(0.451)    | -14.233<br>(-1.043) | 0.090<br>(0.007)     | -17.582<br>(-1.165) | 15.486<br>(0.653)    | -22.253<br>(-1.039) | 4.795<br>(0.240)     |
| Literacy (std)           | 40.826<br>(3.292)   | 54.493<br>(2.000)    | 58.801<br>(2.952)   | 65.821<br>(1.614)    | 52.027<br>(2.697)   | 59.768<br>(2.161)    | 78.346<br>(2.742)   | 92.366<br>(1.581)    |
| Age                      | 42.779<br>(2.879)   | 12.547<br>(0.355)    | 42.687<br>(2.924)   | 15.182<br>(0.433)    | 42.895<br>(2.876)   | 14.978<br>(0.427)    | 40.988<br>(2.791)   | 12.431<br>(0.354)    |
| Age square               | -0.502<br>(-3.080)  | 0.106<br>(0.290)     | -0.502<br>(-3.122)  | 0.069<br>(0.190)     | -0.506<br>(-3.071)  | 0.055<br>(0.153)     | -0.484<br>(-2.966)  | 0.089<br>(0.245)     |
| HH head (=1)             | 8.705<br>(0.356)    | -147.311<br>(-1.400) | 7.979<br>(0.333)    | -113.642<br>(-1.023) | 6.844<br>(0.279)    | -129.932<br>(-1.258) | 1.458<br>(0.063)    | -100.130<br>(-0.897) |
| MO: Agri                 | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 71.107<br>(1.760)   | -397.042<br>(-1.624) | 70.135<br>(1.646)   | -436.867<br>(-1.771) | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         |
| MO: SE                   | 2.401<br>(0.065)    | 155.715<br>(1.037)   | 78.533<br>(2.321)   | -314.677<br>(-1.923) | 75.482<br>(2.205)   | -293.406<br>(-1.799) | -4.456<br>(-0.113)  | 88.978<br>(0.665)    |
| MO: SJ agri              | -6.416<br>(-0.183)  | 210.109<br>(1.513)   | 59.027<br>(2.008)   | -231.287<br>(-1.454) | 67.496<br>(2.273)   | -222.803<br>(-1.418) | -23.036<br>(-0.603) | 160.282<br>(1.274)   |
| MO: SJ non-agri          | -32.222<br>(-0.948) | 132.939<br>(0.951)   | 35.290<br>(1.365)   | -296.084<br>(-1.805) | 45.282<br>(1.734)   | -295.884<br>(-1.807) | -39.913<br>(-1.112) | 89.660<br>(0.672)    |
| MO: UW or NW             | -73.685<br>(-1.785) | 421.513<br>(1.715)   | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | -76.273<br>(-1.830) | 409.797<br>(1.742)   |
| School educ (=1)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         |
| Married (=1)             | -27.949<br>(-1.049) | -92.131<br>(-1.340)  | -25.767<br>(-0.944) | -118.181<br>(-1.586) | -32.170<br>(-1.120) | -74.769<br>(-1.071)  | -29.404<br>(-1.020) | -93.598<br>(-1.184)  |
| Multiple occupation (=1) | 24.701<br>(1.436)   | -67.488<br>(-1.519)  | 30.882<br>(1.737)   | -49.339<br>(-1.103)  | 29.316<br>(1.637)   | -54.202<br>(-1.228)  | 35.568<br>(1.962)   | -44.938<br>(-1.010)  |
| Assets (1,000 INR)       | 0.028<br>(1.260)    | -0.004<br>(-0.240)   | 0.029<br>(1.324)    | -0.006<br>(-0.335)   | 0.028<br>(1.262)    | -0.007<br>(-0.444)   | 0.029<br>(1.388)    | -0.008<br>(-0.482)   |
| SR: More female          | -52.110<br>(-1.325) | -2.118<br>(-0.035)   | -52.663<br>(-1.334) | 4.574<br>(0.076)     | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | -52.178<br>(-1.253) | -39.801<br>(-0.583)  |
| SR: Same nb              | -33.097<br>(-1.179) | 34.932<br>(0.472)    | -27.433<br>(-0.979) | 50.730<br>(0.700)    | 18.503<br>(0.680)   | 52.632<br>(1.080)    | -20.499<br>(-0.728) | 15.381<br>(0.189)    |
| SR: More male            | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 56.063<br>(1.381)   | 41.204<br>(0.625)    | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         |
| Household size           | -13.299<br>(-1.494) | -11.245<br>(-0.821)  | -13.846<br>(-1.576) | -10.085<br>(-0.703)  | -12.048<br>(-1.297) | -11.434<br>(-0.779)  | -11.783<br>(-1.266) | -4.916<br>(-0.293)   |
| Shock (=1)               | 20.291<br>(0.899)   | 33.349<br>(0.898)    | 19.083<br>(0.842)   | 36.640<br>(0.965)    | 17.153<br>(0.742)   | 28.889<br>(0.751)    | 18.386<br>(0.759)   | 27.341<br>(0.661)    |
| Total income (1,000 INR) | 0.072<br>(1.629)    | -0.109<br>(-1.529)   | 0.074<br>(1.702)    | -0.097<br>(-1.302)   | 0.074<br>(1.658)    | -0.115<br>(-1.615)   | 0.073<br>(1.655)    | -0.106<br>(-1.441)   |
| Female (=1)              | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         |
| Dalits (=1)              | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         | 0.000<br>(.)        | 0.000<br>(.)         |
| Female X OP (std)        |                     |                      | 19.995<br>(1.025)   | 8.132<br>(0.134)     |                     |                      | 67.003<br>(2.111)   | -41.458<br>(-0.561)  |

|                                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Female X CO (std)               | 0.773    | -45.854  |          |          | -12.749  | 13.071   |          |          |
|                                 | (0.044)  | (-0.891) |          |          | (-0.464) | (0.197)  |          |          |
| Female X EX (std)               | -10.794  | -94.796  |          |          | -31.036  | -60.318  |          |          |
|                                 | (-0.570) | (-1.940) |          |          | (-1.100) | (-0.956) |          |          |
| Female X AG (std)               | 5.696    | 34.389   |          |          | 4.940    | -21.658  |          |          |
|                                 | (0.290)  | (0.532)  |          |          | (0.183)  | (-0.278) |          |          |
| Female X ES (std)               | 12.170   | 106.475  |          |          | 39.713   | 114.552  |          |          |
|                                 | (0.819)  | (1.826)  |          |          | (1.555)  | (1.757)  |          |          |
| Female X Raven (std)            | 36.902   | 68.255   |          |          | 39.035   | -31.548  |          |          |
|                                 | (2.066)  | (0.986)  |          |          | (1.456)  | (-0.416) |          |          |
| Female X Literacy (std)         | -43.008  | -5.623   |          |          | -68.594  | -41.533  |          |          |
|                                 | (-1.984) | (-0.068) |          |          | (-2.208) | (-0.369) |          |          |
| Female X Numeracy (std)         | 10.267   | 40.822   |          |          | 11.169   | 37.407   |          |          |
|                                 | (0.666)  | (0.731)  |          |          | (0.451)  | (0.612)  |          |          |
| Dalit X OP (std)                |          | 17.134   | -15.531  | 49.571   | -63.658  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (0.739)  | (-0.298) | (1.473)  | (-1.112) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X CO (std)                |          | -9.976   | -58.368  | -23.647  | -16.172  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (-0.501) | (-1.305) | (-0.712) | (-0.500) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X EX (std)                |          | -13.002  | -64.192  | -24.093  | -34.964  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (-0.664) | (-1.545) | (-0.744) | (-0.706) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X AG (std)                |          | 10.282   | 85.461   | 2.637    | 60.411   |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (0.493)  | (1.346)  | (0.076)  | (1.156)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X ES (std)                |          | -4.916   | 46.375   | 14.551   | 59.092   |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (-0.287) | (0.931)  | (0.592)  | (1.188)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Raven (std)             |          | 5.906    | 75.225   | 0.510    | -4.231   |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (0.262)  | (1.223)  | (0.016)  | (-0.170) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Literacy (std)          |          | -33.178  | -15.290  | -53.130  | -68.301  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (-1.414) | (-0.263) | (-1.433) | (-1.020) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Numeracy (std)          |          | 20.561   | -0.745   | 28.591   | -17.522  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          | (1.189)  | (-0.016) | (1.111)  | (-0.632) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X OP (std)       |          |          |          | -90.127  | 117.860  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (-2.475) | (1.053)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X CO (std)       |          |          |          | 33.078   | -63.060  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (0.942)  | (-0.732) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X EX (std)       |          |          |          | 43.869   | -75.482  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (1.274)  | (-0.778) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X AG (std)       |          |          |          | -6.118   | 54.831   |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (-0.168) | (0.423)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X ES (std)       |          |          |          | -45.679  | -34.151  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (-1.534) | (-0.330) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Raven (std)    |          |          |          | -4.538   | 168.777  |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (-0.135) | (1.302)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Literacy (std) |          |          |          | 61.825   | 81.984   |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (1.549)  | (0.576)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Numeracy (std) |          |          |          | -15.987  | 13.970   |          |          |          |
|                                 |          |          |          | (-0.524) | (0.138)  |          |          |          |
| constant                        | -631.354 | -569.425 | -700.742 | -189.962 | -758.287 | -184.289 | -592.890 | -527.948 |
|                                 | (-1.926) | (-0.647) | (-2.162) | (-0.241) | (-2.282) | (-0.231) | (-1.837) | (-0.602) |
| Observations                    | 1071     | 1071     | 1071     | 1071     | 1071     | 1071     | 1071     | 1071     |
| Nb of groups                    | 708      | 708      | 708      | 708      | 708      | 708      | 708      | 708      |
| $\rho$                          | 0.646    | 0.551    | 0.645    | 0.550    | 0.648    | 0.539    | 0.637    | 0.546    |
| Within $R^2$                    | 0.154    | 0.098    | 0.174    | 0.128    | 0.164    | 0.116    | 0.199    | 0.154    |
| Between $R^2$                   | 0.031    | 0.013    | 0.036    | 0.015    | 0.025    | 0.014    | 0.040    | 0.018    |
| Overall $R^2$                   | 0.050    | 0.016    | 0.058    | 0.023    | 0.045    | 0.023    | 0.065    | 0.030    |
| F-stat                          | 2.247    | 1.106    | 2.084    | 1.032    | 1.897    | 1.026    | 1.727    | 0.946    |
| p-value                         | 0.001    | 0.335    | 0.001    | 0.422    | 0.003    | 0.430    | 0.003    | 0.576    |

**Table 16:** Complete regression table for debt path – **Source :** NEEMESIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMESIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

|  | (1)                |                    | (2)                |                    | (3)                |                    | (4)                |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | b/t<br>Factor      | b/t<br>Big-5       | b/t<br>Factor      | b/t<br>Big-5       | b/t<br>Factor      | b/t<br>Big-5       | b/t<br>Factor      | b/t<br>Big-5       |
| <b>Never in debt</b>                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std)          | -0.050<br>(-0.465) | 0.149<br>(1.113)   | -0.248<br>(-1.166) | -0.021<br>(-0.118) | 0.086<br>(0.608)   | 0.259<br>(1.278)   | -0.367<br>(-1.238) | -0.260<br>(-0.835) |
| Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)          | -0.009<br>(-0.077) | -0.271<br>(-1.913) | -0.294<br>(-1.765) | -0.533<br>(-2.441) | -0.115<br>(-0.755) | -0.572<br>(-2.952) | -0.155<br>(-0.667) | -0.688<br>(-2.070) |
| Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)          | 0.280<br>(2.608)   | 0.075<br>(0.572)   | 0.014<br>(0.087)   | 0.085<br>(0.394)   | 0.443<br>(2.808)   | 0.298<br>(1.583)   | 0.254<br>(1.029)   | 0.329<br>(0.888)   |
| Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)          | -0.004<br>(-0.036) | 0.207<br>(1.824)   | -0.114<br>(-0.646) | 0.176<br>(0.947)   | 0.246<br>(1.652)   | 0.202<br>(1.268)   | 0.282<br>(1.256)   | -0.074<br>(-0.277) |
| Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)          | 0.062<br>(0.586)   | -0.041<br>(-0.325) | 0.134<br>(0.927)   | 0.254<br>(1.291)   | 0.145<br>(0.966)   | 0.076<br>(0.462)   | 0.462<br>(1.678)   | 0.488<br>(1.576)   |
| Raven (std)                            | -0.027<br>(-0.212) | -0.084<br>(-0.640) | 0.144<br>(0.833)   | 0.143<br>(0.766)   | 0.181<br>(1.151)   | 0.127<br>(0.788)   | 0.222<br>(1.099)   | 0.337<br>(1.556)   |
| Numeracy (std)                         | 0.144<br>(0.873)   | 0.101<br>(0.625)   | -0.033<br>(-0.135) | -0.186<br>(-0.771) | 0.134<br>(0.570)   | 0.046<br>(0.196)   | -0.079<br>(-0.249) | -0.318<br>(-0.862) |
| Literacy (std)                         | -0.405<br>(-1.738) | -0.372<br>(-1.583) | -0.159<br>(-0.513) | -0.178<br>(-0.535) | -0.617<br>(-2.440) | -0.532<br>(-2.056) | 0.137<br>(0.413)   | -0.071<br>(-0.185) |
| Age                                    | -0.330<br>(-6.194) | -0.332<br>(-6.126) | -0.358<br>(-6.472) | -0.351<br>(-6.117) | -0.340<br>(-6.425) | -0.348<br>(-6.333) | -0.414<br>(-7.482) | -0.431<br>(-7.537) |
| Age square                             | 0.004<br>(6.272)   | 0.004<br>(6.166)   | 0.004<br>(6.496)   | 0.004<br>(6.143)   | 0.004<br>(6.553)   | 0.004<br>(6.369)   | 0.004<br>(7.614)   | 0.005<br>(7.494)   |
| HH head (=1)                           | -1.438<br>(-3.965) | -1.412<br>(-3.865) | -1.325<br>(-3.217) | -1.318<br>(-3.148) | -1.505<br>(-4.064) | -1.438<br>(-3.947) | -1.229<br>(-2.924) | -1.421<br>(-3.255) |
| MO: Agri                               | -1.707<br>(-2.817) | -1.801<br>(-2.919) | -1.675<br>(-2.688) | -1.845<br>(-2.886) | -1.803<br>(-2.946) | -1.978<br>(-2.971) | -1.467<br>(-2.333) | -1.649<br>(-2.351) |
| MO: SE                                 | -1.716<br>(-3.373) | -1.738<br>(-3.416) | -1.791<br>(-3.378) | -1.753<br>(-3.346) | -1.764<br>(-3.597) | -1.887<br>(-3.729) | -1.671<br>(-3.222) | -1.697<br>(-3.131) |
| MO: SJ agri                            | -1.314<br>(-3.090) | -1.399<br>(-3.338) | -1.433<br>(-3.342) | -1.473<br>(-3.577) | -1.325<br>(-3.114) | -1.410<br>(-3.340) | -1.547<br>(-3.572) | -1.423<br>(-3.427) |
| MO: SJ non-agri                        | -0.829<br>(-2.959) | -0.832<br>(-2.985) | -0.952<br>(-3.259) | -0.924<br>(-3.148) | -0.879<br>(-3.116) | -0.909<br>(-3.254) | -0.945<br>(-3.108) | -0.843<br>(-2.830) |
| MO: UW or NW                           | 0.000<br>(.)       |
| School educ (=1)                       | -0.297<br>(-0.740) | -0.320<br>(-0.801) | -0.387<br>(-0.980) | -0.374<br>(-0.946) | -0.303<br>(-0.764) | -0.363<br>(-0.914) | -0.505<br>(-1.247) | -0.534<br>(-1.328) |
| Married (=1)                           | -1.236<br>(-4.706) | -1.274<br>(-4.934) | -1.150<br>(-4.000) | -1.217<br>(-4.270) | -1.220<br>(-4.715) | -1.255<br>(-5.009) | -1.134<br>(-3.878) | -1.275<br>(-4.279) |
| Multiple occupation (=1)               | -1.050<br>(-3.780) | -1.104<br>(-3.979) | -1.052<br>(-3.685) | -1.113<br>(-3.933) | -1.085<br>(-3.858) | -1.183<br>(-4.269) | -1.139<br>(-3.757) | -1.335<br>(-4.283) |
| Assets (1,000 INR)                     | -0.000<br>(-1.801) | -0.000<br>(-1.564) | -0.000<br>(-1.874) | -0.000<br>(-1.434) | -0.000<br>(-1.772) | -0.000<br>(-1.524) | -0.000<br>(-1.896) | -0.000<br>(-1.223) |
| SR: More female                        | 0.038<br>(0.161)   | 0.080<br>(0.338)   | -0.009<br>(-0.036) | 0.051<br>(0.211)   | 0.055<br>(0.223)   | 0.086<br>(0.351)   | 0.009<br>(0.033)   | 0.061<br>(0.223)   |
| SR: Same nb                            | -0.218<br>(-0.924) | -0.246<br>(-1.062) | -0.205<br>(-0.843) | -0.270<br>(-1.165) | -0.260<br>(-1.067) | -0.344<br>(-1.423) | -0.320<br>(-1.230) | -0.407<br>(-1.611) |
| SR: More male                          | 0.000<br>(.)       |
| Household size                         | 0.029<br>(0.645)   | 0.045<br>(0.995)   | 0.048<br>(1.024)   | 0.053<br>(1.193)   | 0.020<br>(0.421)   | 0.033<br>(0.706)   | 0.039<br>(0.770)   | 0.028<br>(0.603)   |
| Shock (=1)                             | 0.316<br>(1.502)   | 0.354<br>(1.673)   | 0.288<br>(1.354)   | 0.386<br>(1.779)   | 0.358<br>(1.652)   | 0.406<br>(1.860)   | 0.383<br>(1.680)   | 0.555<br>(2.393)   |
| Total income (1,000 INR)               | 0.001<br>(2.108)   | 0.001<br>(2.014)   | 0.001<br>(2.101)   | 0.001<br>(1.957)   | 0.001<br>(2.109)   | 0.001<br>(2.372)   | 0.001<br>(1.946)   | 0.001<br>(2.303)   |
| Female (=1)                            | -0.751<br>(-2.438) | -0.785<br>(-2.657) | -0.233<br>(-0.395) | -0.477<br>(-0.826) | -0.797<br>(-2.545) | -0.851<br>(-2.887) | 0.583<br>(0.740)   | 0.142<br>(0.178)   |
| Dalits (=1)                            | -0.284<br>(-1.366) | -0.289<br>(-1.403) | -0.319<br>(-1.519) | -0.284<br>(-1.369) | 0.045<br>(0.109)   | 0.056<br>(0.135)   | 1.113<br>(1.562)   | 1.123<br>(1.499)   |
| Female X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std) |                    |                    | 0.260              | 0.319              |                    |                    | 0.552              | 1.124              |

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|  | (0.946)  | (1.154)  |          | (1.369)  | (2.657)  |          |          |          |
| Female X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)         | 0.627    | 0.474    |          | 0.340    | 0.032    |          |          |          |
|  | (2.396)  | (1.519)  |          | (0.901)  | (0.070)  |          |          |          |
| Female X Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)         | 0.591    | -0.021   |          | 0.668    | 0.063    |          |          |          |
|  | (2.578)  | (-0.073) |          | (1.661)  | (0.136)  |          |          |          |
| Female X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)         | 0.145    | 0.104    |          | -0.014   | 0.592    |          |          |          |
|  | (0.634)  | (0.438)  |          | (-0.040) | (1.855)  |          |          |          |
| Female X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)         | -0.065   | -0.589   |          | -0.410   | -0.739   |          |          |          |
|  | (-0.331) | (-2.133) |          | (-1.233) | (-1.746) |          |          |          |
| Female X Raven (std)                           | -0.390   | -0.428   |          | -0.194   | -0.464   |          |          |          |
|  | (-1.458) | (-1.546) |          | (-0.517) | (-1.237) |          |          |          |
| Female X Numeracy (std)                        | 0.443    | 0.560    |          | 0.574    | 0.681    |          |          |          |
|  | (1.236)  | (1.603)  |          | (1.183)  | (1.279)  |          |          |          |
| Female X Literacy (std)                        | -0.453   | -0.361   |          | -1.152   | -0.674   |          |          |          |
|  | (-1.376) | (-1.068) |          | (-2.757) | (-1.487) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std)          |          | -0.260   | -0.193   | 0.127    | 0.591    |          |          |          |
|  |          | (-1.223) | (-0.717) | (0.326)  | (1.549)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)          |          | 0.221    | 0.622    | -0.126   | 0.141    |          |          |          |
|  |          | (0.948)  | (2.111)  | (-0.371) | (0.296)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)          |          | -0.293   | -0.449   | -0.279   | -0.513   |          |          |          |
|  |          | (-1.296) | (-1.645) | (-0.815) | (-1.030) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)          |          | -0.437   | -0.023   | -0.630   | 0.528    |          |          |          |
|  |          | (-1.990) | (-0.096) | (-1.909) | (1.405)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)          |          | -0.085   | -0.314   | -0.463   | -0.525   |          |          |          |
|  |          | (-0.395) | (-1.159) | (-1.422) | (-1.202) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Raven (std)                            |          | -0.493   | -0.481   | -0.198   | -0.472   |          |          |          |
|  |          | (-1.916) | (-1.811) | (-0.540) | (-1.202) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Numeracy (std)                         |          | 0.048    | 0.053    | 0.021    | 0.078    |          |          |          |
|  |          | (0.142)  | (0.159)  | (0.045)  | (0.154)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Literacy (std)                         |          | 0.391    | 0.343    | -0.358   | -0.191   |          |          |          |
|  |          | (1.242)  | (1.054)  | (-0.808) | (-0.391) |          |          |          |
| Female X Dalit                                 |          |          |          | -1.289   | -1.416   |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (-1.346) | (-1.458) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std) |          |          |          | -0.618   | -1.492   |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (-1.207) | (-2.736) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std) |          |          |          | 0.708    | 1.237    |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (1.311)  | (1.845)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 3 (std) EX cor (std)   |          |          |          | -0.258   | -0.261   |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (-0.506) | (-0.406) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std) |          |          |          | 0.105    | -0.945   |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (0.211)  | (-1.915) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std) |          |          |          | 0.407    | 0.006    |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (0.859)  | (0.010)  |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Raven (std)                   |          |          |          | -0.670   | -0.214   |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (-1.194) | (-0.372) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Numeracy (std)                |          |          |          | -0.319   | -0.378   |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (-0.448) | (-0.503) |          |          |          |
| Dalit X Female X Literacy (std)                |          |          |          | 1.430    | 1.082    |          |          |          |
|  |          |          |          | (2.205)  | (1.654)  |          |          |          |
| constant                                       | 8.628    | 8.778    | 9.025    | 9.045    | 8.771    | 9.132    | 9.351    | 10.344   |
|  | (7.126)  | (7.117)  | (7.382)  | (7.240)  | (7.276)  | (7.196)  | (7.506)  | (7.825)  |
| <b>Out of debt</b>                             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std)                  | 0.176    | 0.105    | 0.077    | 0.033    | 0.423    | 0.158    | 0.306    | -0.055   |
|  | (2.119)  | (1.122)  | (0.645)  | (0.268)  | (3.390)  | (1.206)  | (1.777)  | (-0.303) |
| Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)                  | -0.017   | -0.093   | -0.176   | -0.290   | -0.143   | -0.200   | -0.436   | -0.581   |
|  | (-0.209) | (-0.932) | (-1.527) | (-2.122) | (-1.200) | (-1.369) | (-2.541) | (-2.750) |
| Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)                  | 0.111    | 0.042    | 0.017    | 0.059    | 0.102    | 0.117    | 0.054    | 0.181    |
|  | (1.399)  | (0.432)  | (0.151)  | (0.498)  | (0.885)  | (0.859)  | (0.330)  | (1.057)  |
| Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)                  | 0.037    | -0.030   | -0.024   | 0.008    | 0.048    | -0.073   | 0.158    | -0.030   |
|  | (0.481)  | (-0.360) | (-0.228) | (0.065)  | (0.390)  | (-0.592) | (0.887)  | (-0.155) |
| Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)                  | 0.106    | -0.050   | 0.072    | 0.136    | 0.153    | -0.047   | 0.191    | 0.332    |
|  | (1.311)  | (-0.489) | (0.661)  | (0.947)  | (1.306)  | (-0.318) | (1.167)  | (1.532)  |
| Raven (std)                                    | 0.001    | 0.040    | -0.007   | 0.038    | 0.050    | 0.104    | 0.052    | 0.110    |
|  | (0.012)  | (0.382)  | (-0.048) | (0.274)  | (0.380)  | (0.793)  | (0.275)  | (0.598)  |
| Numeracy (std)                                 | 0.002    | -0.009   | -0.052   | -0.084   | 0.039    | 0.046    | 0.205    | 0.151    |
|  | (0.019)  | (-0.072) | (-0.326) | (-0.538) | (0.235)  | (0.276)  | (0.883)  | (0.661)  |

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| Literacy (std)                         | -0.070<br>(-0.495) | -0.064<br>(-0.460) | 0.080<br>(0.456)   | 0.063<br>(0.365)   | -0.146<br>(-0.864) | -0.145<br>(-0.854) | -0.190<br>(-0.836) | -0.161<br>(-0.715) |
| Age                                    | -0.186<br>(-4.560) | -0.181<br>(-4.428) | -0.202<br>(-4.786) | -0.193<br>(-4.574) | -0.189<br>(-4.563) | -0.183<br>(-4.432) | -0.205<br>(-4.715) | -0.195<br>(-4.546) |
| Age square                             | 0.002<br>(4.803)   | 0.002<br>(4.662)   | 0.002<br>(4.992)   | 0.002<br>(4.796)   | 0.002<br>(4.784)   | 0.002<br>(4.655)   | 0.002<br>(4.935)   | 0.002<br>(4.748)   |
| HH head (=1)                           | -0.040<br>(-0.150) | -0.070<br>(-0.262) | 0.028<br>(0.098)   | -0.029<br>(-0.102) | -0.014<br>(-0.052) | -0.076<br>(-0.284) | 0.016<br>(0.058)   | -0.057<br>(-0.202) |
| MO: Agri                               | -1.145<br>(-3.268) | -1.133<br>(-3.270) | -1.211<br>(-3.436) | -1.215<br>(-3.497) | -1.175<br>(-3.289) | -1.152<br>(-3.301) | -1.300<br>(-3.538) | -1.249<br>(-3.520) |
| MO: SE                                 | -0.470<br>(-1.571) | -0.459<br>(-1.543) | -0.476<br>(-1.605) | -0.477<br>(-1.611) | -0.498<br>(-1.644) | -0.460<br>(-1.535) | -0.502<br>(-1.646) | -0.475<br>(-1.570) |
| MO: SJ agri                            | -0.724<br>(-2.531) | -0.772<br>(-2.725) | -0.784<br>(-2.680) | -0.832<br>(-2.895) | -0.705<br>(-2.485) | -0.771<br>(-2.717) | -0.719<br>(-2.448) | -0.767<br>(-2.677) |
| MO: SJ non-agri                        | -0.454<br>(-1.979) | -0.462<br>(-2.023) | -0.525<br>(-2.243) | -0.513<br>(-2.223) | -0.497<br>(-2.171) | -0.484<br>(-2.123) | -0.549<br>(-2.351) | -0.526<br>(-2.269) |
| MO: UW or NW                           | 0.000<br>(.)       |
| School educ (=1)                       | -0.004<br>(-0.019) | -0.026<br>(-0.118) | -0.037<br>(-0.166) | -0.016<br>(-0.072) | -0.017<br>(-0.077) | -0.043<br>(-0.198) | -0.009<br>(-0.039) | -0.010<br>(-0.046) |
| Married (=1)                           | -0.317<br>(-1.455) | -0.288<br>(-1.328) | -0.277<br>(-1.187) | -0.266<br>(-1.152) | -0.307<br>(-1.419) | -0.272<br>(-1.267) | -0.325<br>(-1.368) | -0.320<br>(-1.375) |
| Multiple occupation (=1)               | -0.075<br>(-0.426) | -0.049<br>(-0.281) | -0.047<br>(-0.262) | -0.045<br>(-0.254) | -0.076<br>(-0.428) | -0.043<br>(-0.245) | -0.056<br>(-0.309) | -0.041<br>(-0.228) |
| Assets (1,000 INR)                     | 0.000<br>(0.454)   | 0.000<br>(0.414)   | 0.000<br>(0.491)   | 0.000<br>(0.450)   | 0.000<br>(0.330)   | 0.000<br>(0.250)   | 0.000<br>(0.314)   | 0.000<br>(0.408)   |
| SR: More female                        | -0.259<br>(-1.395) | -0.231<br>(-1.244) | -0.336<br>(-1.810) | -0.276<br>(-1.498) | -0.254<br>(-1.359) | -0.233<br>(-1.245) | -0.303<br>(-1.618) | -0.243<br>(-1.287) |
| SR: Same nb                            | -0.246<br>(-1.335) | -0.229<br>(-1.241) | -0.269<br>(-1.450) | -0.240<br>(-1.293) | -0.247<br>(-1.329) | -0.227<br>(-1.223) | -0.276<br>(-1.448) | -0.225<br>(-1.187) |
| SR: More male                          | 0.000<br>(.)       |
| Household size                         | -0.002<br>(-0.059) | -0.016<br>(-0.391) | 0.000<br>(0.001)   | -0.016<br>(-0.372) | -0.014<br>(-0.333) | -0.020<br>(-0.480) | -0.001<br>(-0.033) | -0.018<br>(-0.424) |
| Shock (=1)                             | 0.010<br>(0.062)   | -0.002<br>(-0.011) | 0.002<br>(0.016)   | -0.008<br>(-0.049) | -0.011<br>(-0.073) | -0.005<br>(-0.032) | 0.018<br>(0.109)   | 0.041<br>(0.261)   |
| Total income (1,000 INR)               | -0.000<br>(-1.067) | -0.000<br>(-0.735) | -0.000<br>(-0.943) | -0.000<br>(-0.694) | -0.000<br>(-0.776) | -0.000<br>(-0.657) | -0.000<br>(-0.769) | -0.000<br>(-0.735) |
| Female (=1)                            | 0.049<br>(0.197)   | -0.048<br>(-0.199) | 0.153<br>(0.381)   | -0.024<br>(-0.060) | 0.067<br>(0.270)   | -0.059<br>(-0.243) | 0.641<br>(1.233)   | 0.275<br>(0.536)   |
| Dalits (=1)                            | -0.028<br>(-0.174) | -0.023<br>(-0.141) | -0.029<br>(-0.174) | -0.012<br>(-0.074) | 0.112<br>(0.376)   | 0.144<br>(0.488)   | 0.649<br>(1.362)   | 0.602<br>(1.291)   |
| Female X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std) |                    | 0.165<br>(0.943)   | 0.125<br>(0.636)   |                    |                    |                    | 0.255<br>(0.922)   | 0.530<br>(1.817)   |
| Female X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std) |                    | 0.354<br>(1.933)   | 0.417<br>(1.930)   |                    |                    |                    | 0.747<br>(2.609)   | 0.844<br>(2.505)   |
| Female X Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std) |                    | 0.196<br>(1.172)   | -0.032<br>(-0.171) |                    |                    |                    | 0.183<br>(0.773)   | -0.242<br>(-0.839) |
| Female X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std) |                    | 0.141<br>(0.865)   | -0.059<br>(-0.329) |                    |                    |                    | -0.063<br>(-0.237) | 0.027<br>(0.094)   |
| Female X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std) |                    | 0.122<br>(0.703)   | -0.392<br>(-1.838) |                    |                    |                    | 0.059<br>(0.215)   | -0.833<br>(-2.599) |
| Female X Raven (std)                   |                    | 0.033<br>(0.157)   | 0.030<br>(0.142)   |                    |                    |                    | -0.096<br>(-0.339) | -0.022<br>(-0.078) |
| Female X Numeracy (std)                |                    | 0.217<br>(0.866)   | 0.207<br>(0.839)   |                    |                    |                    | -0.150<br>(-0.449) | -0.122<br>(-0.366) |
| Female X Literacy (std)                |                    | -0.365<br>(-1.447) | -0.316<br>(-1.255) |                    |                    |                    | 0.020<br>(0.062)   | -0.040<br>(-0.117) |
| Dalit X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std)  |                    |                    | -0.455<br>(-2.749) | -0.107<br>(-0.566) |                    | -0.337<br>(-1.439) | 0.217<br>(0.855)   |                    |
| Dalit X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)  |                    |                    | 0.226<br>(1.418)   | 0.167<br>(0.850)   |                    | 0.528<br>(2.311)   | 0.568<br>(1.989)   |                    |
| Dalit X Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)  |                    |                    | 0.037<br>(0.229)   | -0.115<br>(-0.591) |                    | 0.025<br>(0.111)   | -0.241<br>(-0.989) |                    |
| Dalit X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)  |                    |                    | 0.012<br>(0.074)   | 0.112<br>(0.670)   |                    | -0.290<br>(-1.287) | 0.096<br>(0.372)   |                    |

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| Dalit X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)          |          |          |          |          | -0.061   | 0.028    | -0.159   | -0.466   |
|  |          |          |          |          | (-0.380) | (0.140)  | (-0.724) | (-1.597) |
| Dalit X Raven (std)                            |          |          |          |          | -0.141   | -0.163   | -0.231   | -0.229   |
|  |          |          |          |          | (-0.685) | (-0.793) | (-0.843) | (-0.836) |
| Dalit X Numeracy (std)                         |          |          |          |          | -0.058   | -0.092   | -0.460   | -0.430   |
|  |          |          |          |          | (-0.246) | (-0.388) | (-1.392) | (-1.311) |
| Dalit X Literacy (std)                         |          |          |          |          | 0.159    | 0.181    | 0.531    | 0.452    |
|  |          |          |          |          | (0.664)  | (0.754)  | (1.659)  | (1.429)  |
| Female X Dalit                                 |          |          |          |          |          |          | -1.138   | -0.930   |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.752) | (-1.430) |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.303   | -0.847   |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.855) | (-2.089) |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.844   | -0.929   |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-2.223) | (-2.047) |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 3 (std) EX cor (std)   |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.182   | 0.442    |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.521) | (1.147)  |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.467    | -0.061   |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (1.343)  | (-0.166) |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.154    | 1.174    |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (0.421)  | (2.577)  |
| Dalit X Female X Raven (std)                   |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.379    | 0.253    |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (0.914)  | (0.599)  |
| Dalit X Female X Numeracy (std)                |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.670    | 0.628    |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (1.336)  | (1.242)  |
| Dalit X Female X Literacy (std)                |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.855   | -0.677   |
|  |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.703) | (-1.308) |
| constant                                       | 3.855    | 3.797    | 4.200    | 4.050    | 3.919    | 3.782    | 3.973    | 3.880    |
|  | (4.026)  | (3.907)  | (4.275)  | (4.118)  | (4.037)  | (3.839)  | (3.846)  | (3.818)  |
| <b>Becomes in debt</b>                         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std)                  | 0.053    | 0.042    | 0.112    | 0.164    | 0.260    | 0.040    | 0.281    | 0.229    |
|  | (0.573)  | (0.397)  | (0.761)  | (1.065)  | (1.818)  | (0.266)  | (1.190)  | (1.018)  |
| Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)                  | 0.004    | -0.044   | -0.089   | -0.084   | -0.179   | -0.168   | -0.124   | 0.013    |
|  | (0.036)  | (-0.335) | (-0.633) | (-0.411) | (-1.198) | (-0.889) | (-0.677) | (0.049)  |
| Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)                  | 0.262    | 0.148    | 0.027    | -0.003   | 0.142    | 0.298    | 0.215    | -0.025   |
|  | (2.610)  | (1.430)  | (0.193)  | (-0.019) | (1.014)  | (1.868)  | (1.255)  | (-0.118) |
| Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)                  | 0.140    | 0.021    | 0.163    | -0.134   | 0.060    | 0.034    | 0.278    | -0.011   |
|  | (1.469)  | (0.204)  | (1.189)  | (-0.812) | (0.431)  | (0.229)  | (1.395)  | (-0.040) |
| Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)                  | -0.046   | -0.065   | -0.207   | 0.143    | -0.014   | -0.052   | 0.099    | -0.076   |
|  | (-0.499) | (-0.554) | (-1.565) | (0.818)  | (-0.094) | (-0.301) | (0.451)  | (-0.275) |
| Raven (std)                                    | -0.051   | -0.108   | 0.253    | 0.247    | -0.097   | -0.142   | 0.286    | 0.302    |
|  | (-0.412) | (-0.838) | (1.515)  | (1.465)  | (-0.598) | (-0.845) | (1.380)  | (1.336)  |
| Numeracy (std)                                 | 0.067    | 0.066    | -0.067   | -0.088   | 0.063    | 0.037    | -0.315   | -0.334   |
|  | (0.447)  | (0.450)  | (-0.293) | (-0.390) | (0.307)  | (0.183)  | (-1.321) | (-1.413) |
| Literacy (std)                                 | -0.088   | 0.004    | 0.040    | 0.082    | -0.172   | -0.097   | 0.063    | 0.128    |
|  | (-0.548) | (0.024)  | (0.168)  | (0.343)  | (-0.807) | (-0.464) | (0.180)  | (0.353)  |
| Age  | -0.213   | -0.205   | -0.245   | -0.240   | -0.211   | -0.201   | -0.254   | -0.252   |
|  | (-4.438) | (-4.528) | (-4.937) | (-5.060) | (-4.272) | (-4.329) | (-4.889) | (-5.037) |
| Age square                                     | 0.002    | 0.002    | 0.003    | 0.003    | 0.002    | 0.002    | 0.003    | 0.003    |
|  | (4.464)  | (4.648)  | (4.962)  | (5.183)  | (4.244)  | (4.418)  | (4.897)  | (5.168)  |
| HH head (=1)                                   | -0.704   | -0.819   | -0.518   | -0.635   | -0.625   | -0.760   | -0.517   | -0.639   |
|  | (-2.320) | (-2.739) | (-1.649) | (-2.105) | (-2.068) | (-2.558) | (-1.589) | (-2.054) |
| MO: Agri                                       | -1.329   | -1.358   | -1.266   | -1.285   | -1.365   | -1.439   | -1.198   | -1.251   |
|  | (-3.036) | (-3.086) | (-2.928) | (-2.939) | (-3.029) | (-3.220) | (-2.614) | (-2.691) |
| MO: SE   | -0.613   | -0.626   | -0.595   | -0.628   | -0.658   | -0.668   | -0.609   | -0.636   |
|  | (-1.783) | (-1.836) | (-1.691) | (-1.770) | (-1.890) | (-1.969) | (-1.740) | (-1.824) |
| MO: SJ agri                                    | -0.177   | -0.228   | -0.118   | -0.154   | -0.142   | -0.204   | -0.022   | -0.101   |
|  | (-0.544) | (-0.716) | (-0.361) | (-0.482) | (-0.451) | (-0.654) | (-0.067) | (-0.313) |
| MO: SJ non-agri                                | -0.430   | -0.483   | -0.408   | -0.474   | -0.477   | -0.504   | -0.408   | -0.458   |
|  | (-1.632) | (-1.837) | (-1.518) | (-1.756) | (-1.825) | (-1.944) | (-1.512) | (-1.662) |
| MO: UW or NW                                   | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    |
|  | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      |
| School educ (=1)                               | -0.236   | -0.296   | -0.233   | -0.252   | -0.257   | -0.314   | -0.303   | -0.333   |
|  | (-0.917) | (-1.182) | (-0.896) | (-1.013) | (-0.979) | (-1.214) | (-1.142) | (-1.279) |
| Married (=1)                                   | -0.073   | -0.134   | 0.082    | 0.084    | -0.068   | -0.104   | 0.112    | 0.131    |
|  | (-0.262) | (-0.496) | (0.302)  | (0.311)  | (-0.247) | (-0.388) | (0.400)  | (0.488)  |
| Multiple occupation (=1)                       | -0.522   | -0.503   | -0.546   | -0.539   | -0.512   | -0.516   | -0.530   | -0.569   |

|  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|  | (-2.533) | (-2.460) | (-2.600) | (-2.617) | (-2.448) | (-2.477) | (-2.431) | (-2.734) |
| Assets (1,000 INR)                             | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    |
|  | (1.412)  | (1.521)  | (1.387)  | (1.402)  | (1.589)  | (1.755)  | (1.608)  | (1.856)  |
| SR: More female                                | -0.118   | -0.113   | -0.142   | -0.118   | -0.119   | -0.114   | -0.133   | -0.099   |
|  | (-0.542) | (-0.532) | (-0.641) | (-0.541) | (-0.545) | (-0.532) | (-0.598) | (-0.457) |
| SR: Same nb                                    | 0.134    | 0.119    | 0.134    | 0.123    | 0.147    | 0.113    | 0.188    | 0.130    |
|  | (0.718)  | (0.637)  | (0.702)  | (0.650)  | (0.773)  | (0.595)  | (0.963)  | (0.680)  |
| SR: More male                                  | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    |
|  | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      | (.)      |
| Household size                                 | -0.020   | -0.000   | -0.004   | 0.011    | -0.025   | -0.001   | -0.022   | 0.003    |
|  | (-0.477) | (-0.004) | (-0.095) | (0.258)  | (-0.567) | (-0.024) | (-0.494) | (0.067)  |
| Shock (=1)                                     | -0.061   | -0.051   | -0.082   | -0.080   | -0.059   | -0.031   | -0.059   | -0.085   |
|  | (-0.358) | (-0.300) | (-0.484) | (-0.470) | (-0.346) | (-0.188) | (-0.342) | (-0.502) |
| Total income (1,000 INR)                       | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    |
|  | (1.782)  | (1.450)  | (1.834)  | (1.416)  | (1.972)  | (1.421)  | (1.897)  | (1.466)  |
| Female (=1)                                    | -0.157   | -0.260   | 0.696    | 0.629    | -0.134   | -0.252   | 0.884    | 0.936    |
|  | (-0.537) | (-0.930) | (1.441)  | (1.367)  | (-0.459) | (-0.898) | (1.397)  | (1.508)  |
| Dalits (=1)                                    | 0.273    | 0.281    | 0.266    | 0.276    | 0.002    | -0.056   | 0.257    | 0.326    |
|  | (1.389)  | (1.469)  | (1.332)  | (1.427)  | (0.005)  | (-0.162) | (0.430)  | (0.580)  |
| Female X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std)         |          | -0.114   | -0.193   |          |          | 0.072    | -0.266   |          |
|  |          | (-0.576) | (-0.907) |          |          | (0.239)  | (-0.766) |          |
| Female X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)         |          | 0.192    | 0.138    |          |          | 0.061    | -0.065   |          |
|  |          | (0.941)  | (0.511)  |          |          | (0.209)  | (-0.169) |          |
| Female X Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)         |          | 0.458    | 0.322    |          |          | -0.001   | 0.754    |          |
|  |          | (2.087)  | (1.530)  |          |          | (-0.002) | (2.247)  |          |
| Female X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)         |          | -0.045   | 0.263    |          |          | -0.280   | 0.094    |          |
|  |          | (-0.237) | (1.304)  |          |          | (-1.003) | (0.290)  |          |
| Female X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)         |          | 0.270    | -0.403   |          |          | -0.122   | -0.142   |          |
|  |          | (1.388)  | (-1.695) |          |          | (-0.376) | (-0.388) |          |
| Female X Raven (std)                           |          | -0.648   | -0.736   |          |          | -0.799   | -0.921   |          |
|  |          | (-2.753) | (-3.071) |          |          | (-2.497) | (-2.725) |          |
| Female X Numeracy (std)                        |          | 0.349    | 0.377    |          |          | 0.664    | 0.674    |          |
|  |          | (1.135)  | (1.247)  |          |          | (1.826)  | (1.944)  |          |
| Female X Literacy (std)                        |          | -0.221   | -0.149   |          |          | -0.214   | -0.149   |          |
|  |          | (-0.751) | (-0.506) |          |          | (-0.497) | (-0.347) |          |
| Dalit X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std)          |          |          | -0.371   | -0.012   |          | -0.230   | -0.062   |          |
|  |          |          | (-1.948) | (-0.059) |          | (-0.752) | (-0.199) |          |
| Dalit X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std)          |          |          | 0.318    | 0.214    |          | 0.161    | -0.004   |          |
|  |          |          | (1.632)  | (0.816)  |          | (0.597)  | (-0.011) |          |
| Dalit X Factor 3 (std) / EX cor (std)          |          |          | 0.222    | -0.266   |          | -0.227   | -0.004   |          |
|  |          |          | (1.111)  | (-1.263) |          | (-0.823) | (-0.015) |          |
| Dalit X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std)          |          |          | 0.126    | -0.066   |          | -0.188   | -0.227   |          |
|  |          |          | (0.702)  | (-0.332) |          | (-0.699) | (-0.670) |          |
| Dalit X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std)          |          |          | -0.048   | -0.031   |          | -0.475   | 0.168    |          |
|  |          |          | (-0.254) | (-0.133) |          | (-1.740) | (0.463)  |          |
| Dalit X Raven (std)                            |          |          | 0.015    | 0.057    |          | -0.098   | -0.101   |          |
|  |          |          | (0.062)  | (0.230)  |          | (-0.297) | (-0.305) |          |
| Dalit X Numeracy (std)                         |          |          | 0.028    | 0.048    |          | 0.353    | 0.356    |          |
|  |          |          | (0.093)  | (0.167)  |          | (0.918)  | (0.934)  |          |
| Dalit X Literacy (std)                         |          |          | 0.193    | 0.200    |          | 0.050    | 0.019    |          |
|  |          |          | (0.667)  | (0.703)  |          | (0.110)  | (0.040)  |          |
| Female X Dalit                                 |          |          |          |          |          | -0.589   | -0.607   |          |
|  |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.791) | (-0.855) |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 1 (std) / OP cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          | -0.578   | 0.015    |          |
|  |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.457) | (0.034)  |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 2 (std) / CO cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          | 0.114    | 0.167    |          |
|  |          |          |          |          |          | (0.271)  | (0.311)  |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 3 (std) EX cor (std)   |          |          |          |          |          | 0.825    | -0.705   |          |
|  |          |          |          |          |          | (1.920)  | (-1.621) |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 4 (std) / AG cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          | 0.435    | 0.257    |          |
|  |          |          |          |          |          | (1.133)  | (0.617)  |          |
| Dalit X Female X Factor 5 (std) / ES cor (std) |          |          |          |          |          | 0.716    | -0.162   |          |
|  |          |          |          |          |          | (1.733)  | (-0.320) |          |
| Dalit X Female X Raven (std)                   |          |          |          |          |          | 0.209    | 0.336    |          |
|  |          |          |          |          |          | (0.433)  | (0.676)  |          |
| Dalit X Female X Numeracy (std)                |          |          |          |          |          | -0.429   | -0.561   |          |

|                                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Dalit X Female X Literacy (std) |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.762) | (-1.011) |
|                                 |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.001    | 0.069    |
|                                 |          |          |          |          |          |          | (0.002)  | (0.115)  |
| constant                        | 4.280    | 4.187    | 4.180    | 4.082    | 4.406    | 4.250    | 4.454    | 4.282    |
|                                 | (3.813)  | (3.867)  | (3.694)  | (3.725)  | (3.905)  | (3.901)  | (3.823)  | (3.784)  |
| <b>Always in debt (ref)</b>     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Observations                    | 831      | 830      | 831      | 830      | 831      | 830      | 831      | 830      |
| Log-likelihood                  | -686.423 | -691.062 | -669.353 | -676.968 | -674.244 | -682.845 | -639.615 | -649.005 |
| LR $\chi^2$                     | 362.307  | 333.100  | 407.915  | 383.229  | 425.893  | 409.114  | 573.264  | 533.366  |
| p-value                         | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    |

**Table 17:** Complete regression table for Heckman procedure with Big-5 personality traits – **Source :** NEEMSIS-1 (2016-17) and NEEMSIS-2 (2020-21); author's calculations.

|                          | (1)                |                     |                      | (2)                |                     |                      | (3)                |                     |                      | (4)                |                     |                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                          | b/t                | b/t                 | b/t                  |
|                          | Indebted           | Amount              | DSR                  |
| Indebted (=1) in 2016-17 | 0.401<br>(2.689)   | -19.082<br>(-0.730) | 21.330<br>(0.275)    | 0.415<br>(2.726)   | -14.824<br>(-0.589) | 5.348<br>(0.073)     | 0.392<br>(2.604)   | -17.256<br>(-0.676) | 19.377<br>(0.243)    | 0.409<br>(2.637)   | -11.773<br>(-0.474) | -8.400<br>(-0.111)   |
| OP cor (std)             | -0.089<br>(-1.412) | 8.716<br>(0.921)    | -24.477<br>(-0.922)  | -0.003<br>(-0.037) | 4.611<br>(0.289)    | 5.223<br>(0.146)     | -0.134<br>(-1.529) | 2.314<br>(0.124)    | -35.138<br>(-0.871)  | 0.072<br>(0.582)   | -5.070<br>(-0.172)  | 14.316<br>(0.267)    |
| CO cor (std)             | 0.115<br>(1.690)   | -6.365<br>(-0.672)  | -12.721<br>(-0.388)  | 0.260<br>(2.665)   | -20.957<br>(-1.163) | 40.947<br>(0.784)    | 0.230<br>(2.391)   | -24.016<br>(-1.200) | -19.731<br>(-0.380)  | 0.486<br>(3.381)   | -68.128<br>(-1.846) | 29.064<br>(0.323)    |
| EX cor (std)             | -0.038<br>(-0.589) | 12.076<br>(1.265)   | 80.956<br>(2.739)    | -0.099<br>(-1.178) | 17.815<br>(1.153)   | 59.046<br>(1.486)    | -0.091<br>(-1.007) | 30.376<br>(1.603)   | 87.214<br>(1.841)    | -0.175<br>(-1.436) | 39.121<br>(1.311)   | 91.484<br>(1.160)    |
| AG cor (std)             | -0.010<br>(-0.172) | -6.005<br>(-0.737)  | -28.529<br>(-1.290)  | -0.068<br>(-0.757) | -13.223<br>(-0.925) | -6.014<br>(-0.169)   | 0.023<br>(0.269)   | -14.587<br>(-0.862) | -32.255<br>(-0.977)  | -0.001<br>(-0.010) | -26.596<br>(-0.926) | -30.129<br>(-0.524)  |
| ES cor (std)             | 0.020<br>(0.292)   | 7.133<br>(0.513)    | -45.889<br>(-1.612)  | -0.069<br>(-0.710) | 21.308<br>(0.934)   | -56.884<br>(-1.502)  | -0.000<br>(-0.002) | 31.221<br>(1.138)   | -65.326<br>(-1.826)  | -0.249<br>(-1.740) | 80.452<br>(1.689)   | -48.824<br>(-0.788)  |
| Raven test               | -0.008<br>(-0.105) | -0.382<br>(-0.041)  | 15.971<br>(0.544)    | 0.041<br>(0.429)   | 7.297<br>(0.505)    | -36.464<br>(-1.448)  | -0.076<br>(-0.839) | 1.813<br>(0.119)    | 30.002<br>(0.659)    | -0.032<br>(-0.258) | 32.964<br>(1.511)   | -34.470<br>(-1.103)  |
| Numeracy test            | -0.012<br>(-0.140) | 5.493<br>(0.531)    | -21.377<br>(-0.705)  | 0.053<br>(0.473)   | 4.730<br>(0.329)    | -51.413<br>(-1.461)  | -0.064<br>(-0.565) | 24.358<br>(1.351)   | -22.528<br>(-0.487)  | -0.112<br>(-0.687) | 21.377<br>(0.845)   | -68.698<br>(-1.285)  |
| Literacy test            | 0.114<br>(1.170)   | 0.424<br>(0.028)    | 1.491<br>(0.041)     | 0.005<br>(0.043)   | 11.301<br>(0.546)   | -19.679<br>(-0.468)  | 0.156<br>(1.342)   | 2.033<br>(0.092)    | -1.785<br>(-0.035)   | 0.101<br>(0.627)   | 6.931<br>(0.218)    | -5.894<br>(-0.097)   |
| Age                      | 0.124<br>(4.473)   | 4.955<br>(0.526)    | -4.606<br>(-0.191)   | 0.124<br>(4.240)   | 2.298<br>(0.261)    | 6.334<br>(0.321)     | 0.127<br>(4.542)   | 4.952<br>(0.504)    | -4.315<br>(-0.161)   | 0.130<br>(4.333)   | 5.496<br>(0.623)    | 7.116<br>(0.320)     |
| Age square               | -0.001<br>(-4.545) | -0.062<br>(-0.585)  | 0.045<br>(0.175)     | -0.001<br>(-4.300) | -0.035<br>(-0.353)  | -0.065<br>(-0.300)   | -0.001<br>(-4.596) | -0.076<br>(-0.547)  | -0.060<br>(0.140)    | -0.001<br>(-4.347) | -0.066<br>(-0.671)  | -0.075<br>(-0.313)   |
| HH head (=1)             | 0.165<br>(0.873)   | 14.427<br>(0.459)   | 111.778<br>(1.633)   | 0.131<br>(0.657)   | 25.200<br>(0.756)   | 53.199<br>(0.843)    | 0.179<br>(0.940)   | 18.533<br>(0.603)   | 114.819<br>(1.564)   | 0.151<br>(0.743)   | 27.980<br>(0.806)   | 67.179<br>(1.057)    |
| MO: Agri                 | 0.727<br>(2.917)   | .                   | .                    | 0.800<br>(3.200)   | .                   | .                    | 0.749<br>(2.931)   | .                   | .                    | 0.817<br>(3.121)   | .                   | .                    |
| MO: SE                   | 0.415<br>(1.920)   | 45.146<br>(0.829)   | -143.155<br>(-0.872) | 0.428<br>(1.996)   | 49.858<br>(0.912)   | -159.504<br>(-1.008) | 0.410<br>(1.899)   | 44.252<br>(0.810)   | -152.541<br>(-0.929) | 0.410<br>(1.881)   | 42.401<br>(0.791)   | -181.968<br>(-1.169) |
| MO: SJ agri              | 0.730<br>(3.615)   | 2.725<br>(0.066)    | -144.060<br>(-0.937) | 0.788<br>(3.836)   | 2.657<br>(0.065)    | -148.869<br>(-0.983) | 0.732<br>(3.613)   | 9.746<br>(0.235)    | -157.887<br>(-1.010) | 0.745<br>(3.646)   | 11.039<br>(0.273)   | -172.778<br>(-1.124) |
| MO: SJ non-agri          | 0.354<br>(2.314)   | 40.338<br>(0.763)   | -84.425<br>(-0.494)  | 0.400<br>(2.567)   | 42.970<br>(0.819)   | -93.818<br>(-0.584)  | 0.369<br>(2.377)   | 45.500<br>(0.868)   | -96.547<br>(-0.565)  | 0.410<br>(2.577)   | 42.721<br>(0.848)   | -120.866<br>(-0.736) |
| MO: UW or NW             | .                  | 54.496<br>(0.811)   | 20.513<br>(0.088)    | .                  | 58.311<br>(0.895)   | 6.187<br>(0.030)     | .                  | 63.654<br>(0.925)   | -5.827<br>(-0.026)   | .                  | 64.699<br>(1.010)   | -41.756<br>(-0.210)  |
| School educ (=1)         | 0.014<br>(0.087)   | -4.435<br>(-0.182)  | 45.259<br>(0.718)    | 0.006<br>(0.035)   | -2.616<br>(-0.107)  | 43.520<br>(0.678)    | 0.027<br>(0.170)   | -10.536<br>(-0.446) | 52.054<br>(0.829)    | 0.004<br>(0.027)   | -6.391<br>(-0.274)  | 57.652<br>(0.887)    |
| Married (=1)             | 0.473<br>(3.465)   | -24.855<br>(-0.823) | 139.271<br>(1.642)   | 0.482<br>(3.237)   | -10.920<br>(-0.365) | 72.923<br>(1.004)    | 0.461<br>(3.365)   | -24.005<br>(-0.791) | 144.601<br>(1.595)   | 0.514<br>(3.396)   | -10.997<br>(-0.327) | 90.074<br>(1.182)    |
| Multiple occupation (=1) | 0.052<br>(0.421)   | 23.393<br>(1.272)   | -42.334<br>(-0.716)  | 0.045<br>(0.355)   | 21.852<br>(1.226)   | -39.831<br>(-0.689)  | 0.051<br>(0.409)   | 31.598<br>(1.620)   | -44.383<br>(-0.711)  | 0.038<br>(0.296)   | 30.545<br>(1.639)   | -40.227<br>(-0.669)  |
| Assets (1,000 INR)       | 0.000<br>(1.128)   | 0.040<br>(2.237)    | 0.008<br>(0.314)     | 0.000<br>(1.041)   | 0.039<br>(2.228)    | 0.011<br>(0.411)     | 0.000<br>(1.298)   | 0.039<br>(2.246)    | 0.007<br>(0.258)     | 0.000<br>(1.136)   | 0.038<br>(2.362)    | 0.006<br>(0.237)     |
| SR: More female          | 0.112<br>(0.898)   | 13.206<br>(0.665)   | 1.878<br>(0.035)     | 0.144<br>(1.157)   | 9.254<br>(0.483)    | 17.104<br>(0.338)    | 0.112<br>(0.891)   | 10.316<br>(0.526)   | 0.800<br>(0.014)     | 0.130<br>(1.025)   | 10.288<br>(0.522)   | 19.388<br>(0.353)    |
| SR: Same nb              | 0.235<br>(1.927)   | .                   | .                    | 0.245<br>(1.983)   | .                   | .                    | 0.244<br>(1.971)   | .                   | .                    | 0.252<br>(1.965)   | .                   | .                    |
| SR: More male            | .                  | 10.513<br>(0.458)   | 71.746<br>(1.086)    | .                  | 9.251<br>(0.416)    | 80.597<br>(1.335)    | .                  | 12.754<br>(0.544)   | 70.694<br>(1.021)    | .                  | 9.953<br>(0.438)    | 86.976<br>(1.372)    |
| Household size           | -0.022<br>(-0.814) | 6.027<br>(1.342)    | 11.323<br>(1.029)    | -0.025<br>(-0.914) | 6.694<br>(1.522)    | 7.007<br>(0.623)     | -0.020<br>(-0.730) | 5.451<br>(1.181)    | 11.425<br>(0.956)    | -0.022<br>(-0.778) | 6.669<br>(1.505)    | 6.642<br>(0.539)     |
| Shock (=1)               | -0.065<br>(-0.590) | 19.753<br>(1.060)   | 14.614<br>(0.252)    | -0.071<br>(-0.631) | 19.490<br>(1.052)   | 11.639<br>(0.210)    | -0.074<br>(-0.665) | 19.255<br>(1.057)   | 16.940<br>(0.282)    | -0.105<br>(-0.919) | 19.431<br>(1.048)   | 19.911<br>(0.363)    |
| Total income (1,000 INR) | 0.000<br>(0.134)   | 0.030<br>(0.744)    | -0.002<br>(-0.025)   | 0.000<br>(0.058)   | 0.030<br>(0.717)    | 0.016<br>(0.317)     | -0.000<br>(-0.048) | 0.038<br>(0.943)    | 0.004<br>(0.071)     | -0.000<br>(-0.017) | 0.035<br>(0.893)    | 0.019<br>(0.356)     |
| Loc: near Panruti        | 0.547<br>(3.178)   | 127.054<br>(3.191)  | 251.914<br>(2.055)   | 0.415<br>(2.189)   | 139.590<br>(3.681)  | 174.879<br>(1.734)   | 0.433<br>(2.242)   | 132.772<br>(3.275)  | 279.344<br>(2.352)   | 0.326<br>(1.471)   | 165.974<br>(3.064)  | 178.156<br>(1.817)   |
| Loc: near Villupuram     | 0.700<br>(3.559)   | 73.487<br>(1.857)   | 146.323<br>(1.131)   | 0.580<br>(2.744)   | 84.870<br>(2.341)   | 77.764<br>(0.754)    | 0.614<br>(2.865)   | 84.636<br>(2.092)   | 168.741<br>(1.302)   | 0.509<br>(2.099)   | 115.994<br>(2.235)  | 85.283<br>(0.878)    |

|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |     |  |
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|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |     |  |
| Loc: near Tiruppur        | 0.407   | 75.401   | -8.740   | 0.192    | 82.815   | 6.863    | 0.355    | 106.098  | -19.787  | 0.147    | 115.983  | 43.967   |     |  |
|                           | (1.001) | (1.319)  | (-0.073) | (0.435)  | (1.474)  | (0.075)  | (0.889)  | (1.377)  | (-0.153) | (0.314)  | (1.310)  | (0.544)  |     |  |
| Loc: near Chengalpattu    | 0.443   | 59.233   | 137.394  | 0.324    | 79.574   | 7.863    | 0.319    | 75.741   | 159.765  | 0.195    | 124.859  | 17.106   |     |  |
|                           | (1.965) | (1.781)  | (1.319)  | (1.363)  | (2.591)  | (0.075)  | (1.325)  | (2.307)  | (1.434)  | (0.725)  | (2.568)  | (0.164)  |     |  |
| Loc: near Kanchipuram     | 0.700   | 66.994   | 119.587  | 0.553    | 85.246   | 18.826   | 0.656    | 83.326   | 124.819  | 0.430    | 130.719  | 5.750    |     |  |
|                           | (2.126) | (1.450)  | (0.873)  | (1.662)  | (2.078)  | (0.158)  | (2.121)  | (1.775)  | (0.844)  | (1.290)  | (2.432)  | (0.050)  |     |  |
| Loc: near Chennai         | .       | .        | .        | .        | .        | .        | .        | .        | .        | .        | .        | .        | (.) |  |
| Female (=1)               | 0.187   | -31.347  | 226.850  | 0.285    | 19.784   | -98.477  | 0.203    | -34.484  | 231.943  | 0.069    | 33.957   | -174.802 |     |  |
|                           | (1.140) | (-1.046) | (3.412)  | (1.002)  | (0.476)  | (-0.857) | (1.229)  | (-1.131) | (3.130)  | (0.187)  | (0.775)  | (-1.051) |     |  |
| Dalits (=1)               | 0.154   | -31.346  | -3.284   | 0.147    | -33.363  | 10.188   | -0.116   | 14.522   | 37.203   | -0.439   | 37.866   | 12.443   |     |  |
|                           | (1.435) | (-1.604) | (-0.071) | (1.361)  | (-1.661) | (0.221)  | (-0.559) | (0.602)  | (0.375)  | (-1.362) | (0.803)  | (0.079)  |     |  |
| IMR (no int)              |         | -70.627  | 37.530   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |     |  |
|                           |         | (-0.697) | (0.120)  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |     |  |
| Female X OP (std)         |         |          | -0.165   | 10.481   | -71.839  |          |          |          |          | -0.498   | 11.760   | -144.860 |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (-1.220) | (0.559)  | (-1.182) |          |          |          |          | (-2.391) | (0.285)  | (-1.246) |     |  |
| Female X CO (std)         |         |          | -0.307   | 29.062   | -95.506  |          |          |          |          | -0.549   | 89.286   | -96.229  |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (-2.034) | (1.326)  | (-1.238) |          |          |          |          | (-2.440) | (2.153)  | (-0.718) |     |  |
| Female X EX (std)         |         |          | 0.147    | -11.317  | 32.843   |          |          |          |          | 0.295    | -23.066  | -45.986  |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (1.130)  | (-0.643) | (0.512)  |          |          |          |          | (1.490)  | (-0.664) | (-0.414) |     |  |
| Female X AG (std)         |         |          | 0.096    | 14.676   | -59.535  |          |          |          |          | -0.041   | 23.376   | -63.020  |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (0.773)  | (0.962)  | (-1.221) |          |          |          |          | (-0.220) | (0.762)  | (-0.979) |     |  |
| Female X ES (std)         |         |          | 0.211    | -29.959  | 12.294   |          |          |          |          | 0.548    | -98.188  | -42.076  |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (1.440)  | (-1.206) | (0.169)  |          |          |          |          | (2.480)  | (-1.942) | (-0.352) |     |  |
| Female X Raven            |         |          | -0.143   | -13.298  | 105.531  |          |          |          |          | -0.140   | -68.032  | 153.406  |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (-0.997) | (-0.690) | (1.567)  |          |          |          |          | (-0.713) | (-2.295) | (1.516)  |     |  |
| Female X Numeracy         |         |          | -0.136   | 1.067    | 86.022   |          |          |          |          | 0.075    | 4.868    | 157.299  |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (-0.783) | (0.048)  | (1.293)  |          |          |          |          | (0.314)  | (0.137)  | (1.556)  |     |  |
| Female X Literacy         |         |          | 0.263    | -26.929  | 33.337   |          |          |          |          | 0.194    | -11.924  | -52.639  |     |  |
|                           |         |          | (1.523)  | (-1.256) | (0.539)  |          |          |          |          | (0.831)  | (-0.364) | (-0.584) |     |  |
| IMR (gender int)          |         |          |          | -78.100  | 49.078   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          | (-0.814) | (0.198)  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |     |  |
| Dalit X OP (std)          |         |          |          |          |          | 0.080    | 12.603   | 18.524   | -0.182   | 16.330   | -26.515  |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (0.624)  | (0.619)  | (0.375)  | (-1.039) | (0.493)  | (-0.392) |          |     |  |
| Dalit X CO (std)          |         |          |          |          |          | -0.215   | 24.565   | 14.746   | -0.428   | 81.369   | 16.437   |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (-1.577) | (1.131)  | (0.217)  | (-2.115) | (2.067)  | (0.160)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X EX (std)          |         |          |          |          |          | 0.088    | -36.827  | -10.190  | 0.162    | -39.973  | -65.669  |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (0.682)  | (-1.722) | (-0.165) | (0.925)  | (-1.235) | (-0.731) |          |     |  |
| Dalit X AG (std)          |         |          |          |          |          | -0.073   | 15.548   | 10.710   | -0.148   | 20.041   | 32.564   |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (-0.638) | (0.871)  | (0.237)  | (-0.817) | (0.634)  | (0.447)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X ES (std)          |         |          |          |          |          | 0.035    | -40.544  | 42.019   | 0.384    | -102.661 | -8.381   |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (0.250)  | (-1.381) | (0.725)  | (1.933)  | (-1.995) | (-0.086) |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Raven             |         |          |          |          |          | 0.174    | -7.007   | -32.709  | 0.204    | -55.340  | 5.386    |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (1.216)  | (-0.340) | (-0.476) | (1.094)  | (-1.757) | (0.103)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Numeracy          |         |          |          |          |          | 0.087    | -35.719  | -1.101   | 0.304    | -22.977  | 38.695   |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (0.524)  | (-1.718) | (-0.020) | (1.305)  | (-0.785) | (0.533)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Literacy          |         |          |          |          |          | -0.093   | 8.338    | 2.385    | -0.188   | 6.393    | -47.096  |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          | (-0.562) | (0.401)  | (0.041)  | (-0.844) | (0.212)  | (-0.683) |          |     |  |
| IMR (caste int)           |         |          |          |          |          |          | -55.156  | 46.253   |          |          |          |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.531) | (0.133)  |          |          |          |          |     |  |
| Female X Dalit            |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.631    | -60.992  | 171.328  |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (1.403)  | (-1.038) | (0.839)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Female X OP (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.662    | -5.847   | 125.482  |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (2.340)  | (-0.123) | (0.929)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Female X CO (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.503    | -112.670 | 1.267    |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (1.631)  | (-2.553) | (0.008)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Female X EX (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.315   | 18.224   | 146.381  |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.162) | (0.485)  | (1.067)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Female X AG (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.220    | -14.355  | 20.176   |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (0.878)  | (-0.410) | (0.223)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Female X ES (std) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.775   | 125.866  | 104.706  |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-2.505) | (2.240)  | (0.591)  |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Female X Raven    |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.086   | 106.198  | -105.215 |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.306) | (2.795)  | (-0.852) |          |     |  |
| Dalit X Female X Numeracy |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -0.424   | -20.399  | -138.430 |          |     |  |
|                           |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-1.197) | (-0.486) | (-1.092) |          |     |  |

|                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Dalit X Female X Literacy        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 0.214    | -0.984   | 158.631           |
|                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (0.623)  | (-0.030) | (1.621)           |
| IMR (gender and caste int)       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | -21.985  | 68.365   |                   |
|                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | (-0.225) | (0.263)  |                   |
| Debt ratio in 2016-17            | -0.176   |          | -0.180   |          | -0.181   |          | -0.172   |          |          |          |                   |
|                                  | (-2.434) |          | (-2.500) |          | (-2.500) |          | (-2.292) |          |          |          |                   |
| constant                         | -3.831   | -129.444 | -241.985 | -3.771   | -127.436 | -152.869 | -3.685   | -176.852 | -285.915 | -3.619   | -289.335 -179.273 |
|                                  | (-5.948) | (-0.471) | (-0.331) | (-5.684) | (-0.531) | (-0.275) | (-5.594) | (-0.644) | (-0.348) | (-5.224) | (-1.243) (-0.306) |
| Observations                     | 830      | 602      | 602      | 830      | 602      | 602      | 830      | 602      | 602      | 830      | 602               |
| R <sup>2</sup>                   |          | 0.255    | 0.073    |          | 0.264    | 0.099    |          | 0.275    | 0.076    |          | 0.308 0.116       |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>          |          | 0.212    | 0.020    |          | 0.210    | 0.033    |          | 0.221    | 0.009    |          | 0.235 0.022       |
| McFadden's pseudo R <sup>2</sup> | 0.204    |          | 0.214    |          | 0.210    |          | 0.233    |          |          |          |                   |
| Log-likelihood                   | -388.519 |          | -383.297 |          | -385.294 |          | -374.009 |          |          |          |                   |
| F-stat                           |          | 4.224    | 3.442    |          | 3.592    | 1.459    |          | 4.475    | 2.108    |          | 2.515 1.233       |
| LR χ <sup>2</sup>                | 281.935  |          | 260.132  |          | 331.913  |          | 312.816  |          |          |          |                   |
| p-value                          | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.037    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.000    | 0.128             |

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