

Services Trade and Choice of Industries
Studying Intergenerational Mobility of Indian workers

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Abstract

This paper explores the impact of growing services trade on the job choice of the Indian households/workers leading to intergenerational mobility towards as well as within services industry. Using NSSO data on employment-unemployment surveys for the period 1999-2000 to 2011-12 and combining it with Trade in Services Database (TSD_February_2015) and UN Services Trade databases on India's services exports for the period 1995-96 to 2011-12, persistence is observed in intergenerational job choice, i.e. sons remain in the same industry as that of their fathers. The probit estimation results show that father's occupation and status has significant positive impact on persistence. Father's education above higher secondary level also assumes significance having positive impact on persistence in 2011-12. However, higher level of education and export performance of service sectors reduce the degree of persistence during the period of study.

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