

ALIPURDUAR - I

Alipurduar-I C.D. Block lies in the south part of Jalpaiguri district. It is under Police Station Alipurduar. The Block is located at a distance of 95 kms. from district headquarters (Jalpaiguri). There are 48 villages in the block with the total population of 197231 persons. Area of the C.D. Block is 378.59 sq. km. It is bounded on the north by Police Station Jaygaon on the east by Police Station Kalchini on the west by Police Station Falakata and on the south by district Koch Bihar.

Communications:

Roadways : NH-31 : Direction- Falakata to Koch Bihar,

Nearest Villages- Paschim Khatalbari, Sidhabari, Purba Kathalbari, Patlakhawa, Silbarihat, Uttar Sonapur, Dakshin Sonapur, Pachkal Guri. NH-31C : Direction- Madarihat to Telipara, Nearest Villages- Dakshin Barajhar Forest.

Railway Station: Paschim Majherdabri Tea Garden.

River: Sanjot Nadi- Nearest Villages- Mejbil, Paschim Khatalbari, Jogendranagar, Kalaberia, Salkumarhat, Munshipara, Prodhana, Sirubari, Purba Kathalbari. Kaljam Nadi- Nearest Villages- Dakshin Barajhar Forest, Madhya Paitkapara, Uttar Paitkapara.

Annual Rainfall : Average Rainfall 3130 mm.

Ground Water: Brahmaputra Basin. Depth to water level varies from 2 to 7 meter below the ground.

Soil: Acidic Soil.

Natural Division : Lower Ganga Plains.

Administration:

Division: Jalpaiguri. Parliamentary Constituency: 2 Alipurduars (ST). District: Jalpaiguri. Police Station: Alipurduar. Assembly Constituency: 12 Alipurduars, 13 Falakat (SC). Gram Panchayat: 11.

Villages: 48 **Inhabited:** 48 **Uninhabited:** 0

Ranking	District	State	National
Area	10	48	2198
Population	11	202	1831
Sex Ratio	7	209	3815
Child Sex Ratio	3	29	776
Literacy Rate	4	198	2410
Density	2	77	2632
Work Participation Rate	10	298	3585

Gram Panchayats:

Banchukamari, Chakowakheti, Mathura, Not Covered By Any Gp, Parorpar, Patlakhawa, Purba Kanthalbari, Shalkumar-I, Shalkumar-II, Tapsikhata, Vivekananda-I, Vivekananda-II.

Amenities:

Education: Primary School in 47 villages, Middle school in

12 villages, Matriculation or Secondary School in 7 villages, namely Salkumarhat, Purba Kathalbari, Uttar Sonapur, Pachkal Guri, Pukuritola, Birpara, Ghagra (P).

Higher Secondary or Pre University Courses or Intermediate or Junior College in 1 village of the CD Block,, namely Uttar Sonapur.

College in 1 village, Adult Literacy Center in 4 villages., College is in village, namely Birpara.

Medical: Hospital in 2 villages, Dispensary in 13 villages, Health Center in 7 villages, Sub Center in 16 villages, Maternity and Child Welfare Center in 20 villages, Community health workers in 31 villages.

The villages having hospital or Dispensary or Health Center are Mejbil, Jogendranagar, Salkumarhat, Sidhabari, Purba Kathalbari, Silbarihat, Dakshin Chakoakheti, Mathura Tea Garden, Uttar Sonapur, Pachkal Guri, Taparikhata, Naothoartari, Birpara,

Paschim Majherdabri Tea Garden.

Drinking Water: Tap water in 48 villages, Tank water in 48 villages, Well water in 48 villages, Tubewell in 48 villages and more than one source in 48 villages.

Bank: Banking facility in 3 villages, namely, Salkumarhat, Purba Kathalbari, Pachkal Guri. Credit Society in 9 villages Agricultural Credit Society in 8 Non-Agricultural Credit Society in 0 village.

Others: Power supply in 30 villages, Cinema hall in 10 villages, sport club in 22 villages, Stadium or Auditorium or Community Hall in 2 villages, Post Office in 23 villages.

There are 24 villages having bus facilities.

Villages with most of facilities: Salkumarhat Purba Kathalbari, Pachkal Guri.

Villages without amenities (Education): Torsa Forest..

Scheduled Castes: Out of the total population of 151078 persons, 82303 persons (54.48%) belong to Scheduled Castes.

The villages having less than 10% SC population are Dakshin Barajhar Forest, Salkumar Forest Paschim Simlabari, Mathura Tea Garden Paitkapara Tea Garden.

The villages having more than 50% SC population are Torsa Forest, Mejbil, Paschim Khatalbari Jogendranagar, Kalaberia, Salkumarhat, Munshipara Prodhana, Jaldapara, Sidhabari, Suripara Sirubari, Silbarihat, Dakshin Chakoakheti Purba Simlabari, Kumarpara, Uttar Sonapur Dakshin Sonapur, Pachkal Guri, Dakshin Kansingram Uttar Kansingram, Taparikhata, Pukuritola Paschim Salbari, Naothoartari, Madhya Paitkapara Uttar Paitkapara, Banchukamari, Chapatali, Parorpar

Ghagra (P), Bariguri.

Sex ratio of Scheduled Caste population is 485.

Scheduled Castes Literates and Illiterates by Sex:

	Persons	Males	Females
Literate	43,403	26,440	16,963
Illiterate	38,900	15,936	22,964
Literacy rate	62.7	74.0	50.7
Graduate	497	399	98

Scheduled Castes (Dominant):

Rajbanshi, Namasudra, Dhoba etc., Jhalo Malo etc.

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For their cultural identity please see Appendix-I

Villages without Scheduled Castes: There are

0 village without any scheduled caste population.

Scheduled Tribes: Out of the total population of 151078

persons, 31001 persons (20.52%) belong to Scheduled Tribes.

The villages having less than 10% ST population are

Mejbil, Prodhanpara, Sirubari, Silbarihat

Dakshin Chakoakheti, Uttar Sonapur, Dakshin Sonapur

Pachkal Guri, Dakshin Kansingram, Taparikhata

Pukuritola, Banchukamari, Chapatali, Pararpar

Birpara, Ghagra (P), Bariguri.

The villages having more than 50% ST population are

Dakshin Barajhar Forest, Salkumar Forest

Uttar Simlabari, Mathura Tea Garden

Uttar Chakoakheti, Paitkapara Tea Garden, Foskadanga

Satkodali, Paschim Majherdabri Tea Garden.

Sex ratio of Scheduled tribe population is 489.

Scheduled Tribes Literates and Illiterates by Sex:

	Persons	Males	Females
Literate	12,214	7,843	4,371
Illiterate	18,787	7,987	10,800
Literacy rate	47.9	59.8	35.3
Graduate	51	44	7

Scheduled Tribes (Dominant):

Oraon, Munda, Mech, Rabha, Lodha etc.

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Villages without Scheduled Tribes: There are

1 village without any scheduled tribe population.

Literates and Illiterates by Sex (Total Population):

	Persons	Males	Females
Literate	78,866	47,541	31,325
Illiterate	72,212	30,188	42,024
Literacy rate	62	73	51
Graduate	1,275	955	320

Agriculture: Distribution of villages according to land use:

Out of 48 villages, Total area (in hectare) is 36123.35, out of

that 53.81 percent is cultivable and 46.26 percent of the cultivable area is irrigated.

Sources of Irrigation (Hectares): Government Canal 205,

Private Canal 90.4, Well without Electricity 1872.42, Well with

Electricity 100, Tubewell without Electricity 4056.26,

Tubewell with Electricity 120.73, Tank 682.14, River 1013.15,

Lake 0, Waterfall 0, Others 851.84.

Villages with population of 5000 to 9999:

Paschim Khatalbari, Salkumarhat, Munshipara

Purba Kathalbari, Dakshin Chakoakheti

Mathura Tea Garden, Birpara, Ghagra (P).

Villages with population of 10000 and above: None

Distribution of Workers:

	Persons	Males	Females	WPR
Cultivators	22,509	16,181	6,328	34.83
Agricultural Labourers	18,325	9,653	8,672	28.36
Household Industry	843	387	456	1.3
Other Workers	22,950	16,892	6,058	35.51
Main Workers	49,076	38,710	10,366	75.94
Marginal Workers	15,551	4,403	11,148	24.06
Total Workers	64,627	43,113	21,514	

Religion: Major Religious Communities:

	Persons	Males	Females	Sex Ratio
Hindu (89.99%)	135,955	70,054	65,901	941
Muslim (7.08%)	10,698	5,500	5,198	945
Christian (2.46%)	3,717	1,817	1,900	1,046
Sikh (0%)	7	4	3	750
Buddhists (0.17%)	253	127	126	992
Jain (0.12%)	186	92	94	1,022

Age-wise Data:

	Persons	Males	Females	Sex Ratio
All ages	151,078	77,729	73,349	944
0-14	57,076	28,864	28,212	977
15-44	68,679	35,596	33,083	929
45-79	23,693	12,391	11,302	912
80+	1,352	721	631	875
Age not stated	278	157	121	771

Languages (Dominant):

Bengali, Hindi, Kurukh/Oraon, Bodo, Munda

Disabled Population:

	Persons	Males	Females	%
Total Disabled	3,610	2,025	1,585	
In Seeing	1,978	1,063	915	54.79
In Speech	404	229	175	11.19
In Hearing	208	123	85	5.76
In Movement	560	358	202	15.51
Mentally	460	252	208	12.74