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Journal Name:	South Asian Journal of Social Studies and Economics
Manuscript Number:	Ms_SAJ SSE_130576
Title of the Manuscript:	Rural Migration and Income Inequality in South Asian countries: A Fixed and Random effect Approach
Type of the Article	Empirical research article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript addresses an important and timely issue—rural migration and its impact on income inequality in South Asia. Given the rapid urbanization trends in the region, this study contributes to the existing literature by offering empirical insights using a balanced panel dataset from 1995 to 2022. The findings are relevant for policymakers and researchers interested in addressing income inequality and the socio-economic impacts of urbanization.	No suggestion has been made.
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is good and well represents the content of the manuscript. A slightly more precise title, e.g., "The Effect of Rural Migration on Income Inequality in South Asia: A Panel Data Analysis," may better capture the scope.	Sir with due respect we agreed and update the observation made by you. The title of the paper has been changed(minor) as suggested by the reviewer.
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is very good at presenting an overview of the study but lacks more explicit details regarding the principal findings. For instance, the inclusion of the statistically significant associations and the policy implications would make it more comprehensive.	The Abstract of the paper has been improved by adding the significance of the study and policy implications.
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript is scientifically sound. The methodology is robust, and the conclusions are supported by data. The econometric models are appropriate for the research objectives.	No suggestion has been made.
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient and contain up-to-date research. Nonetheless, adding a few more studies from after 2020 could enhance the literature review.	Thank you for your valuable feedback. We appreciate the suggestion to enhance the literature review section. In response, we will expand this section by incorporating additional recent studies after 2020, ensuring a comprehensive coverage of the most up-to-date research.
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language is appropriate for academic discourse but could be enhanced for clarity and brevity. Certain sentences in the introduction and discussion parts are too complicated and might be made simpler.	Thank you for your helpful suggestion. We have carefully reviewed the manuscript and revised complex sentences to make them clearer and more concise.
Optional/General comments	Incorporating more visual aids, like graphs or charts, to depict trends in rural migration and income disparity would enhance the manuscript's clarity. Think about including further context regarding the specific socio-economic difficulties faced by South Asia in the introduction.	Thanks once again for your valuable suggestion. But inclusion of graphs and charts it become very lenthly.

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	We agree with the reviewer's comment and have revised the Abstract, literature review section accordingly. We have added whatever the comments made by reviewer and highlights that part in the manuscript. We appreciate the reviewer's insightful feedback, which has helped improve the quality of our manuscript.