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| Journal Name: | [**Journal of Economics, Management and Trade**](https://journaljemt.com/index.php/JEMT) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_JEMT\_137223** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **An Empirical Study of Seasonal Income and Sustainability among Private Water Suppliers in Kohima Town Nagaland** |
| Type of the Article | Original Research Article |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **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 study has highlighted private sector’s contributions to livelihood, the** need of motivation of water providers, improvements of water quality-related infrastructures, formalization of urban water providers, and recognition of urban water providers as critical stakeholders in semi-urban areas such as Kohima. | This paper gives useful information about private water suppliers in a small hill town in India. It shows how their income changes with the seasons and why their work is important for daily life in areas with poor water supply. The topic is new and not much studied before. The study can help with better planning and support for such workers in other similar places. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Suitable but requires little modification by removing the indefinite article ‘An’, expunging the phrase empirical study. The new title should now reads:  Seasonal Income Sustainability among Private Water Suppliers in Kohima Town, Nagaland | Thank you for the suggestion. The title has been revised to: **“Seasonal Income Sustainability of Private Water Suppliers in Kohima Town, Nagaland”** |
| 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. | 1. Yes, it is comprehensive, but should be one paragraph as corrected by tracking. 2. Addition and deletions were made by tracking, so the author(s) should accept the tracked additions and deletions | The abstract has been reformatted into a single cohesive paragraph, as advised. |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Yes, it will certainly contribute to economic (livelihood), and social (health and employment) aspects of people in specific societies. Similarly, the study could contribute to the development of urban water policy, recognition of the roles and contributions of informal private sector in semi-urban and low income areas.  In fact, there is novelty. However, the methodology section need to be revisited as stated by the reviewer in the methodological section of the manuscript | The methodology section has been revised for clarity, conciseness, and improved structure. Redundant descriptions have been removed, and statistical procedures have been explained more clearly. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Yes |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes |  |
| Optional/General comments | 1. Methodology should be thoroughly revisited. 2. Graphs should not be coloured unless if it is the Journal’s guidelines. 3. Grids should be removed in graphs and charts. 4. Conclusion should be one paragraph | All graphs have been converted to grayscale, and grid lines have been removed to meet the journal’s formatting requirements.  And the conclusion has been rewritten and condensed into a single paragraph, ensuring clarity and cohesion. |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** (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)* | There are no ethical issues in this manuscript. All data were collected with the informed consent of participants and used solely for academic research purposes. No sensitive personal or identifiable information was gathered. |