

**„Spousal Violence and Women's Labor Force  
Participation in India“**

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**Abstract**

This study presents an empirical analysis of the relationship between women's labor force participation and their experience of physical or sexual spousal violence. The analysis is based on a nationally representative dataset from India. The results illustrate that experience of spousal violence is associated with significantly higher odds of labor force participation of married women. The estimates also depict that women who experienced spousal violence are more likely to work for cash remuneration. At a first glance, these results may appear to suggest that spousal violence is associated with higher likelihood of married women seeking financial self-reliance. However an analysis of who decides how to spend the women's earnings reveals that women who experience spousal violence are less likely to have a say in that vital decision, which suggests that women who experience spousal violence are also more susceptible to financial exploitation in India.

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