

The Role of Woman in Agriculture Sector in Rural Areas –A Study

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ABSTRACT

We all know that agriculture plays a vital role in the growth of every developing nation. The agriculture does with the main intention of surviving their livelihood of their families but it serves the nation. We can see a number of agricultural woman's in India. As per statistics of India 84% of Women her depend upon on agriculture sector 33% of woman's her depend upon cultivators and more than 47% percent woman's her depend as agricultural laborers .woman's are invo9lved in the agriculture sector in Crop production Production activities House hold maintenance Woman's involvement in agriculture sector Decision-making Managerial skills etc. The methodology has been used in the paper by questionnaire prepared by the authors, consisting of 30 agriculture woman's opinions by rural areas of kamalapuram the statements light of findings are also discussed in this paper.

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INTRODUCTION

In India Agriculture is one of the major sector in India and mostly entire the world is based on agriculture sector. Agriculture is back bone of every nation income but basically traditionally agriculture has been adopted as a male profession but in rural areas woman's play a crucial and significant role in developing agriculture sector like harvesting, farming ,mushroom cultivation, poultry, fisheries etc woman's are shows more involment in agriculture sector in rural areas the main source in rural area is agriculture so woman's role is more important in agriculture sector. Women are also much interested in agricultural field in rural areas.

PROFILE OF THE STUDY AREA

Kamalapuram is one of the 50 mandals in Kadapa District.

Population : 20623

Males : 10018

Females : 10605

Geographical area : 18 km²

Entrepreneurs : 100

Agricultural Land : 2232 7 ,5866

Cultivable Land : 363.96

In fact, there are so many agricultural women in the study area of Kamalapuram.

METHODOLOGY

The questionnaire has been used as an tool to collect the information from the selected villages to find out how many woman's are there in agriculture sector the troubles facing By the agriculture woman's and the role of a woman in agriculture sector the information has been collected by the questionnaire from 30 woman's from villages rural areas of kamlapuaram Cuddapah district Andhra Pradesh. The entire woman's are responded for the questionnaire. The questionnaire is prepared by fifteen questions after the data collected has been in the bar graph.

DATA ANALYSIS

The data collected from woman's from rural areas of kamalapuram Cuddapah district Andhra Pradesh. From 30 woman's response to the questionnaire the data analyzed in the form bar graph and pie chart.

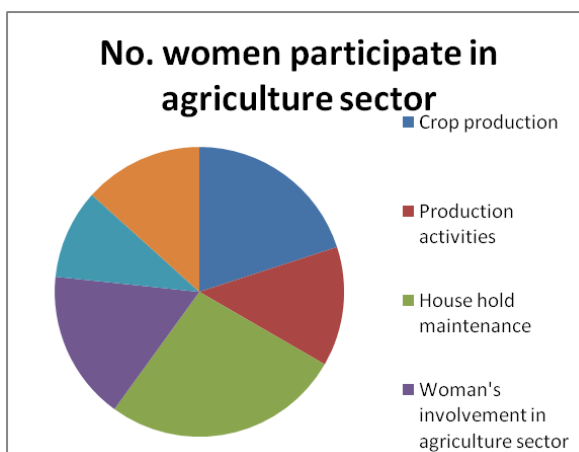
Woman's participated in questionnaire

SL.NO	Name of the Entrepreneur	Age	Sector	Income per anum
1	S.Karimaa	38	Crop production	60,000
2	S.Ghouseya	57	Decision making	50,000
3	Habeeba	53	House hold maintenance	30,000
4	swetha	62	House hold maintenance	30,000

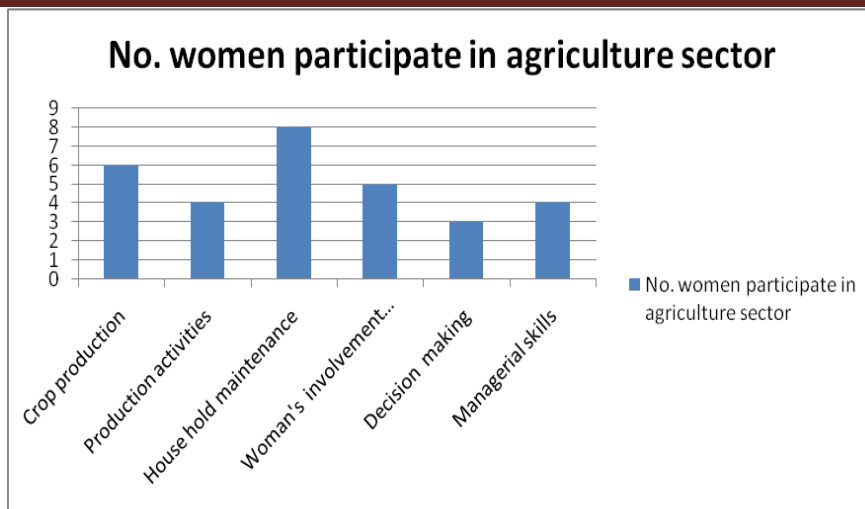
5	santhi	52	Woman's involvement in agriculture sector	70,000
6	Saritha	58	Crop production	60,000
7	Swathi	34	Managerial skills	40,000
8	China malamma	23	Production activities	1,00,000
9	Rammaka	28	Woman's involvement in agriculture sector	70,000
10	Guramma	59	House hold maintenance	30,000
11	Kuliahamma	38	Managerial skills	40,000
12	Anjanamma	30	Managerial skills	40,000
13	Husianamma	30	House hold maintenance	30,000
14	yallamma	33	Managerial skills	40,000
15	Eswari	26	Crop production	60,000
16	Parvathi	33	Production activities	1,00,000
17	Vasantha	47	Woman's involvement in agriculture sector	70,000
18	Haritha	58	House hold maintenance	30,000
19	Bhavani	40	Decision making	50,000
20	N.Venkata ramana	58	Crop production	60,000
21	Ramanamma	22	Woman's involvement in agriculture sector	70,000
22	Munniamma	30	Crop production	60,000
23	Savithramma	32	Production activities	1,00,000
24	Lakshumma	35	Woman's involvement in agriculture sector	70,000
25	chinakka	38	House hold maintenance	30,000
26	vasanthamma	28	Decision making	50,000
27	Ruthamma	41	House hold maintenance	30,000
28	Rama subbamma	62	Crop production	60,000
29	peeramma	52	House hold maintenance	30,000
30	sakunthala	47	Production activities	1,00,000

Woman's opinions shown in the below table

Women play roles in agriculture sector.	No. women participate in agriculture sector.	% to Total
Crop production	6	20
Production activities	4	13.33
House hold maintenance	8	26.67
Woman's involvement in Agriculture sector	5	16.67
Decision making	3	10
Managerial skills	4	13.33



Fig(1)



Fig(2)

ROLES PLAYED BY WOMAN IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

- I) Crop production
- II) Production activities
- III) House hold maintenance
- IV) Woman's involvement in agriculture sector
- V) Decision making
- VI) Managerial skills

I) Crop production

It can be observed from the above table that 20 per cent of the woman's are involved in crop production in agriculture sector in rural areas. In agriculture, woman's play a crucial and significant role in developing agriculture in production like harvesting, farming, mushroom cultivation, poultry, fisheries, etc. They started the business with small entrepreneurs with low capital and investment and grasping high profits in crop production. But in some cases, woman's are facing problems due to heavy rains and replica seeds and investing capitals by these the woman's earning are more than 60,000 per annual.

II) Production activities

It can be observed by the above table that 13.33 per cent of the woman's activity involved in production in rural areas. Woman's are interested in producing local products like milk products, handlooms, beekeeping in rural areas. Woman's are much interested in own creation of business in rural areas and the net worth is also high while comparing to the crop productions. By these the woman's earning are more than 1,00,000 per annual.

III) House hold maintenance:

It can be observed by the above table that 26.67 per cent of the woman's activity involved in house hold maintenance in rural areas. Woman's are involved in cooking, child rearing, water collection, fuel wood gathering, household maintenance, etc. Women are handling both the agriculture and house holding but 26.67 per cent of rural woman's are much given priority to house hold maintenance.

IV) Woman's involvement in agriculture sector

It can be observed by the above table that 16.67 per cent of woman's are activity participating in agriculture sector in all aspects like making decisions in agriculture, production activities, crop production, managerial skills, house hold maintenance, etc. In rural areas, woman's are much interested in agricultural sector and woman's involves in every aspect of agriculture in rural areas.

V) Decision making

It can be observed by the above table that 10 per cent of the woman's actively participating to take decisions in agricultural sector. Decision making is one of the important duty of a woman in rural areas. Woman's perform and involve in all duties of household like farm labor, caring of animals and her contribution is given fully to household and she takes important decisions to enhance her house economically. A role of a woman in agriculture sector is very important in decision making.

VI) Managerial skills

It can be observed by the above table that 13.33per cent of the woman's are using their managerial skill in agricultural sector in rural areas The woman's are mostly fixed to make decisions in their homes and providing inputs to enhance the agriculture sector and they use their managerial skills for produce high quality and quantity of production in agriculture field one of the important skills for woman's is thinking smartly and saving the economy.

Conclusion:

In India agriculture is one of the important sector especially in rural areas people are depended on agriculture 50%of woman's are involved in different sectors like Crop production , Production activities , House hold maintenance ,Woman's involvement in agriculture sector , Decision making, Managerial skills etc. The government should take a proper step and should provide proper material and equipments to rural woman to enhance the agriculture sector in rural areas 26.67percent of woman's are given priority household maintenance.

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