

Factors Affecting the Viability of Tenant Farmers and Tenant Farm Households in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

The present study is conducted in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh with the objective of factors affecting the viability of tenant farmers and tenant farm households. In the sample of 120 farmers, there are 37 viable farmers and 83 non-viable farmers, the classification is based on the Tendulkar committee criteria *i.e.*, the net income of the farmers is above 51,600 is considered as below poverty line. The farmers whose net income per farm is above 51,600 was come under non viable class and above is taken as viable farmers. The average net income per farm of the 120 tenant farmers is Rs6,607 which is very low. Off- farm income, farm expenditure, farm size and domestic expenditure was the major significant factors affecting the viability of tenant farmers and tenant farm households. Education, family size, farming experience, Debt outstanding and access to credit are the non significant factors.

Key words: *Tenant farmers, Tenant farm households, Viability.*