

# **Knowledge of Cotton Farmers on Health Hazards of Pesticides in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh - An Analysis**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Majority of the cotton farmers were having medium knowledge on hazards of pesticides. Farmers are spraying pesticides indiscriminately, which are hazardous to their health. Education, extension participation, extension contact are positively & significantly correlated with Knowledge on pesticide hazards. This indicated that as rise in educational levels increased their ability to grasp facts, analyze and interpret the negative effects of indiscriminate pesticide use. The data also revealed that increase in extension participation, and extension contact helped in better gain of knowledge on pesticide hazards.

**Key words** : Correlation, Cotton, Knowledge, Pesticide hazards.