

Personal and Socio-Economic Characteristics and Extent of Participation of Women Beneficiaries of DWCRA

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ABSTRACT

A study was conducted in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh on women beneficiaries of DWCRA. The study was conducted by purposively selecting a total of twelve villages viz., Goranta and kintali from Ponduru, Chimalavalasa and Alikam from Amadalavalasa Mandals of Srikakulam; Naupada and Pata Naupada from Tekkali; and Sirikonda and Malleveedu from Palakonda and Savaragundi and Devanapuram from Seethampeta Mandals of Palakonda Revenue Divisions in Srikakulam district. 120 women beneficiaries of DWCRA from each of the 10 DWCRA groups randomly selected from the each of the above listed 12 villages selected purposively. Majority of the women beneficiaries DWCRA were middle aged, illiterate with medium family size, had agriculture labour as their family occupation and medium socio - economic status, medium level of income, received training, medium level of innovativeness, medium level of market orientation. Majority of the women beneficiaries of the DWCRA had medium extent of participation in its various income generating activities. Except family size, all other independent variables age, education, family occupation, socio – economic status, income generation, training received, innovativeness, self reliance, market orientation and risk orientation exhibited significant relationship with dependent variable extent of participation.

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