

## **Problems and Suggestions to Improve the Livelihood of Tribal Farmers**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study was conducted in three districts of Andhra Pradesh i.e. Visakhapatnam, Chittoor and Khammam to identify the problems of tribal farmers and to find out appropriate suggestions to overcome the problems. A well structured and pre tested interview schedule was used to collect data. The statistics employed for data analysis were simple frequency and percentage. Findings revealed that majority of the tribal farmers expressed that in agriculture category as a whole, Inadequate technical knowledge in farming (85.42%) was the major problem as perceived by tribal farmers. In animal husbandry category as a whole, Non-remunerative price for milk in dairy (76.25%) was the major problem perceived by tribal farmers. In collection and selling of forest products category as a whole, Proper marketing channels is not available for selling forest products (100.00%) was the major constraint faced by the tribal farmers. With regard to suggestions in agriculture category as a whole, Skill oriented vocational training programmes on modern agricultural technologies, sericulture, apiculture etc. should be organized (85.42%) was the most important suggestion given by the tribal farmers. In animal husbandry category on a whole, enhanced milk price for the producers (76.25%) was the major suggestion given by the tribal farmers. In collection and selling of non timber forest products category on a whole, Proper marketing channel should be made available (93.75%) was the major suggestion given by tribal farmers.

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