

Study on Role performance of Panchayat Members in relation to Agricultural Development Programs in Ujjain District (M.P.)

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Abstract

In India Panchayati Raj now functions as a system of governance in which gram Panchayats are the basic units of local administration. The system has three levels: Gram Panchayat (village level), Mandal Parishad or Block Samiti or Panchayat Samiti (block level), and Zila Parishad (district level). The study is needed for evaluating the role of Panchayat and the impact of the same on the development of study. Hence, "The study on role performance of elected Panchayat Members in Ujjain district of Madhya Pradesh with 120 members of Ujjain district. The major finding is that The most important role played by the gram Panchayat Members under agriculture development programmes on the basis of calculated mean score obtained by the gram Panchayat Members: Construction of godown for grain storage (mean score 2.24) as it was perceived to the highest extent by gram Panchayat Members.

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I. Introduction

The Panchayat are expected to play an important role in rural development in India, specially after independence. Plan documents of both the Central and State Governments and various committees have emphasize the importance of these bodies in the polity. Five-year plans, specially the second five-year plan, laid special emphasis on the role of Panchayat in rural developments. Second five-year plan ideate a Panchayat as responsible for village development keeping transformation of social and economic life of rural areas as its goal of development. It says that, the rural progress depends entirely on the existence of an active organization in the village which can bring all the people, including the weaker sections, in to common programmes to be carried out with the assist of governing body. To achieve this objective the second Five year Plan entailed the Panchayat to perform civic, developmental, land management, land reform and judicial functions. Subsequent plans and policy declaration of national leader to emphasized the role of Panchayat in village development.

The function of Panchayat Raj nstitutions as instruments of rural reconstruction and development needs no emphasis. They have been organized with broad powers and financial resources not merely as institutions of political participation but institutions of social and economic development. Panchayat Raj has come to be related with two broad images. First, it is a government by itself and second it is an agency of the state government. In the integrated exercise of planning for social and economic development, co-ordinate roles, the present set up is a three-tier representative structure of government where the administrators, elected leaders and local population participate in the developmental effort.

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Objective-

1 Measure the role performance of the Gram Panchayat Members in relation to agriculture development programmes.

II. Review of Literature

Sachchidananda (2007) revealed that majority (78.20 per cent) of elected women representative were found to be satisfied with their role performance and only 21.80 per cent of the respondents were not satisfied.

Singh (2012) observed that, majority of the respondents (63%) were observed in the medium category of role performance of the GPMs about agriculture development programmes followed by (19%) low and (18%) having high level, respectively.

Deshpande *et al.* (2013) reported that most of the gram Panchayat Members (68.33 per cent) of respondents were having 'medium' level of role performance in agricultural development programmes followed by 16.67 per cent and 15.00 per cent of respondents were having 'low' and 'high' role performance, respectively.

Singh *et al.* (2013) reported that dimension-wise role perception results pointed that more than 70 per cent GPM's perception of roles was medium to high in case of the dimension of administrative role and social, educational and family welfare works/roles. But more than 70 per cent of respondents perceived medium to low about the dimensions of agriculture related financial and judicial roles. As regards overall role perception of GPMs, majority (71.25 per cent) of respondents had medium to low perception of roles.

Tekale *et al.* (2016) observed that, majority of the Sarpanchas were perceived with their role as planner, executor, administrator, communicator, coordinator, organizer also managerial role, representative, elevator, co-operator, group maintainer and group harmonizer.

III. Methodology:

Selection of Gram Panchayat:

Ujjain Panchayat samiti consist of 10 Gram Panchayats namely-Narvar, Nalwa, Talod, Matana, Chandesara, Bamora, Palkhanda, Lekoda, Gondiya and Gavandi. All these 10 Gram panchayats were taken for the study.

Selection of the respondents:

Each Gram Panchayat is constituted of with 15-20 members. Out of these 12 members were selected randomly from each Panchayat. In this manner 120 members were considered as respondents for collection of data in this study.

Dependent variable

Role performance in agricultural functions of elected Panchayat Members

The statements related to role performance of Gram Panchayat Members were prepared with the help of experts & reviews of literature. The respondents were asked to refer their role performance in agricultural development on a three point continuum viz., completely agree, agree and slightly agree. The responses of the members were recorded by 3, 2 and 1 scores assigned for completely agree, agree and slightly agree respectively. By considering this, an attempt were made to categories the role performance of the respondents.

IV. Result and Discussion

Measure the role performance of the Gram Panchayat Members in relation to agriculture development programmes.

The role performance of Gram Panchayat Member in agriculture development undertaken as per constituted and decided by Zila parishad, According to this program following criteria have been studied:

Table - Measure the role performance of the Gram Panchayat Members in relation to agriculture development programmes:

S.No.	Statement	Role performance of Gram Panchayat Member			Mean score
		Low (f)	Medium (f)	High (f)	
1.	Crop demonstration	29	58	33	2.03
2.	Improve farmer's training program	41	48	31	1.66
3.	Organization agriculture women welfare program	25	51	44	2.15
4.	Organization kisan Mela	21	63	36	2.12
5.	Increase crop competitiveness	40	47	33	1.93
6.	Organization agriculture exhibition	54	32	34	1.83
7.	Organization animal exhibition	23	56	41	1.98

n=120

8.	Improve crop protection program	45	49	26	1.84
9.	Development and maintenance nursery in the village	49	40	31	1.60
10.	Construction of godowns for grain storage	16	59	45	2.24
11.	Construction of food processing unites	37	47	36	1.99
12.	Take an educational tour for farmers	46	41	33	1.89
13.	Establishment of farmers association	37	51	32	1.95
14.	Setting up of biogas plants in village	31	48	41	2.08
15.	Adoption of social plantation programs	36	53	31	1.96
16.	Development of roads connection the main market	41	43	36	1.95
17.	Development of veterinary hospital	23	54	43	2.16
18.	Promoting animal vaccination programs	27	42	51	2.20
19.	Water and water conservation program	30	59	31	2.01
20.	Providing seed to farmers	33	49	38	2.04
21.	Providing inorganic fertilizer	34	47	39	2.05
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23.	Providing agriculture equipment	28	51	41	2.10
24.	Providing modern irrigation sets with subsidies	42	40	38	1.81
25.	Encouraging farmers to take up agro - based business	29	51	40	2.09
26.	Enhancing the goal of village production for various crops including fruits & vegetables	36	44	40	2.02
27.	Storage and distribution of inputs, preferably through cooperative societies	28	41	51	2.19
28.	Assistance in recovery of crop loans	35	53	32	1.97
29.	Land development and waste land development works at village level	28	49	43	2.13
30.	Implementing watershed activities	34	48	38	2.03
31.	Installation of community tube-wells and pump sets	43	41	36	1.94
32.	Assistance in management of animal health camps	29	50	41	2.11
33.	Insure for giving live stock to beneficiaries	37	39	44	2.06
34.	Donation of fodder seeds	41	45	34	1.94
35.	Development of village ponds for fisheries	34	44	42	2.07
36.	Development of community waste land under social forestry	41	47	32	1.92
37.	Maintenance of solar lighting system in the village	31	48	41	2.08
38.	Development village for setting up gobar gas plant	30	53	37	2.06
39.	Development of road transport in village	32	51	37	2.04
40.	Setting up schools to raise the level of education in village	37	48	35	1.98
41.	To develop health facilities to raise the standard of living of the people in the village	43	44	33	1.91

The most important role played by the gram Panchayat Members under agriculture development programmes on the basis of calculated mean score obtained by the gram Panchayat Members:Construction of godown for grain storage (mean score 2.24) as it was perceived to the highest extent by gram Panchayat Members.

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