

Involvement of Farm Women in Decision- making In Agriculture

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ABSTRACT Women play a significant and crucial role in agriculture. They undertake various activities in agriculture such as cleaning of fields, field preparation, sowing, intercultural practices, weeding, harvesting, picking, cleaning of grains, drying of grains etc. But it is unfortunate that they remain invisible workers. However, their involvement as decision- makers regarding these activities is questionable. Hence the present study was conducted to determine the contribution of farm women in decision-making in agriculture. A total of 120 farm women were selected as respondents through multistage random sampling technique. Relevant data were collected with the help of personal interview technique. The data were analyzed using appropriate statistical tools. Analysis of the data showed that involvement of farm women in decision- making process in agriculture was very low. It is because the majority of farm women are illiterate, have little knowledge about the latest techniques of farming, face dominance by males and restricted mobility due to several cultural taboos.