

Constraints Analysis in Adoption of Homestead Farming: A Case Study among Lepcha Community of Indo-Himalayan Region

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ABSTRACT The present study was conducted at Dzongu area, North Sikkim to ascertain the constraints faced by the farmers in adoption of improved techniques related to homestead farming. Number of households with homestead garden for the survey were decided by proportionate sampling method. The data was collected from 150 respondents of five villages through personal interview method with the help of structured questionnaire and data was analyzed using appropriate tools/methodologies. Results indicated that the input quality and availability, Scientific Farming Practice and post harvest/value addition were the most serious constraints as they ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively with almost similar response from the respondents. Socio-cultural constraints ranked 4th and general constraints ranked 5th as per the farmer's response.