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Role performance of leaders in progressive and less progressive villages in Marathwada region

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SUMMARY : The present study was conducted in the Parbhani and Nanded district of the Marathwada region of Maharashtra state during the year 2016-2017. From these two district four tehsils *i.e.* (two tahsils from each district) were selected randomly. With irrespective of list of Grampanchayats and its members of each tehsil was collected from Block Development Officer (B.D.O.), Panchayat Samiti of respective talukas. In the first phase of data collection, 20 villages from each tehsil were selected randomly, thus making a sample of 80 villages *i.e.* (20 x 4 = 80). The selected villages were studied for their progressiveness with the help of village progressiveness scale of Singh *et al.* (1972). In the second phase, after arranging list of villages in descending order top five villages with highest scores were selected as progressive villages and lowest five villages with lowest scores were selected as less-progressive villages from four talukas. Thus 40 villages were purposively selected for research study. From each selected villages five Grampanchayat leaders were selected randomly for the study as respondents by positional approach method. Thus, total of 200 Village leaders *i.e.* 100 Grampanchayat leaders from 20 progressive villages and 100 Grampanchayat leaders from 20 less-progressive villages from Parbhani, Gangakhed, Nanded and Mudkhed tehsils were selected. It was found that, more than half (60.00%) of the leaders from progressive villages were having medium level of role performance, followed by equal percentage (20.00%) of them had high and low level of role performance. It was that most of the leaders were having medium level of role performance *i.e.* 45 to 104. It was further observed that, majority (65.00%) of the leaders from less progressive villages were having medium level of role performance followed by, 20.00 per cent of them had high level of role performance and remaining 15.00 per cent of them had low level of role performance.

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