

Role performance of Grampanchayat members

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ABSTRACT

The present study was undertaken in the Latur and Ausa blocks of Latur district and Ambejogai and Dahrur blocks of Beed district of Marathwada region, to appraise the role performance of Gram Panchayat members and its relation with their profile. Keeping the above objectives in mind 20 villages from above mentioned blocks were selected for the study. The 6 Grampanchayat members were selected randomly from each of the villages (3 from backward section and 3 from forward section) for the study by positional approach method. Thus the sample of 120 Gram Panchayat members from 20 villages was selected for the study. Data were collected by personally interviewing the respondents with the help of specially designed and pretested interview schedule. From the study it is found that majority of the Gram Panchayat members belonging to backward section as well as forward section had medium role performance about functioning of Gram Panchayat. Regarding relational analysis it was found that the characteristics of Gram Panchayat members namely education, occupation, annual income, social participation, achievement motivation, mass media exposure, cosmopolitanism, leadership background and leadership experience were positively and significantly related with role performance of Grampanchayat members. Multiple regression analysis showed that mass media exposure and social participation, mass media exposure and leadership experience were the contributing factor in role performance of Grampanchayat members belonging to backward section and forward section members of Grampanchayat, respectively. The statistical methods such as mean, standard deviation, coefficient of correlation, multiple regression and "Z" test for comparison were used for analysis of data.

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INTRODUCTION

Grampanchayat is the prime village institute striving for integrated rural development. Importance of its members is aptly described as the key persons responsible for integrated rural development. Since the Gram Panchayat members live and work in the rural area their importance and role in effective execution of the various government rural development programmes cannot be underestimated.

Gram Panchayat is the last link in the three-tier system of Panchayat Raj. As co-ordinating agency, Gram Panchayat and its members undertake all the developmental activities. Gram Panchayat members play the role of advisor to the rural people. They provide information about various government schemes to the people in village. Thus the Gram Panchayat and its members have definitely and undoubtedly a key role to play in Panchayat Raj System. Grampanchayat members play prime role in bringing about welfare of the rural people. The Panchayat is expected mainly to promote economic, political and social development in the villages. This can be happen only when the members performed their role

effectively and efficiently. Then and then only the static society can be changed by the village Panchayat. One may get astonished by considering the revolutionary changes in the Gram Panchayat. In the previous days, women were not allowed to participate in any social activities as well as weaker section or backward people are also avoided or not given permission to participate in political activities and social activities as a chairperson but, now a days women and backward people have been given opportunity by 73rd amendment.

Thus, the success of any Gram Panchayat largely depends upon how well the elected members perform their roles within the framework of Panchayat Raj constitution. It is therefore, proposed to undertake a study on role performance of Grampanchayat members with following specific objectives to study the role performance of backward and forward Gram Panchayat members and to delineate the relationship of personal and socio-economic characteristics of Gram Panchayat members with their role performance

METHODOLOGY

The present study was undertaken in the

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