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Involvement of farm women in planning and execution of self-help groups programmes

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SUMMARY: The present investigation was conducted in Ajmer district of Rajasthan which was selected purposively. Two Panchayat samities namely *i.e.* Masuda and Bhinay were selected purposively considering maximum number of self help groups. From each Panchayat samiti two gram seva sahkari samities (GSS) were selected randomly. Thus, from each GSS 10 per cent respondents were randomly selected. Thus, the overall sample consisted of 120 respondents. Majority of the respondents fell in medium level of involvement in planning and execution of SHG programmes. Beneficiary farm women had extremely high involvement in 'attending regular meetings of the groups' and least involvement in 'checking of utilization of loan' for planning and execution of SHG programmes. As stated above the majority (61.70%) of the respondents fell in medium level involvement followed by nearly $1/3^{rd}$ and $1/4^{th}$ respondents who had high and low level of involvement, respectively. Very high extent of involvement in aspect like 'attending regular meeting of the groups' *i.e.* 83.88 MPS could be attributed to the farm women this aspect is not much complicated, does not require extra investment and time for attending regular meeting whereas, the extent of involvement in aspect like 'checking of utilization of loan' which was found having the least involvement, could be simply because the farm women are not involved in checking of utilization of loan.

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