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Constraints faced by farm women in deriving benefits through self help group programmes in Ajmer district of Rajasthan

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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 Gramseva 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. The most perceived personal and familial constraint was “the programme activities of SHGs are organized at odd hours” whereas the most perceived infrastructural constraint was “basic amenities like, water, urinals, tea stalls are not available at the centre”. The most perceived technical constraints was “no technical guidance for establishment of new enterprises” on the other hand most perceived financial constraint was “the funds provided to run the enterprises are to meager”, the most perceived administrative constraint was “faulty planning of SHG programme activities”. The most perceived operational / resource constraint was “the most programme activities get adversely affected during peak agriculture season”. The most perceived social constraint was “social relation cannot be maintained due to involvement in programmes”. It was found that infrastructural, financial and administrative constraints were ranked first, second and third, respectively by the respondents.

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