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Perception of rural youth towards the farming as a major occupation and their constraints

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Abstract : Youth in rural areas are predicted to be more inventive than seniors. According to the 2011 census, there are 27.5% of the 33 crore-strong total population of youth between the ages of 15 and 29. Given that Maharashtra is one of the most developed states in the nation and that young play a crucial part in its development, the Mumbai-based Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan issued the Maharashtra State Youth Policy Declaration in 2010. The comment of the Honorable Yashwantrao Chavan, “I feel that young generation is secure the future of the nation,” is included in this policy. The Specific Objectives of the Study: 1. To study the perception of rural youth towards the farming as a major occupation. 2. To study the constraints of rural youth in agriculture as an occupation. The research study was carried out in Satara district of Maharashtra State. In Satara district there are eleven tahsils out of which four tehsils namely Khandala, Wai, Koregaon, Phaltan selected for study as they have maximum number of rural youth population. About 60.83 per cent of respondents were medium level of perception towards the agriculture as an occupation, whereas 20.00 and 19.17 per cent of respondents had low and high level of perception towards the agriculture as an occupation. The majority of respondents (90.83%) think that agriculture is more dependent on the climate, more expensive in terms of inputs (86.66%), and more labor-intensive (80.83%), with the absence of fair prices for agricultural products coming in second (76.66%). I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII, respectively, were the following factors: Small amount of land under cultivation (67.50%); variable production as a result of scarce resources (50.83); scarcity of local farming inputs (46.66%) and lack of agricultural expertise and knowledge.

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