

# To measure the extent of unemployment during off season and document the alternative sources of employment in Latur district

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## ABSTRACT

The investigation was made to measure the extent of unemployment during off season and document the alternative sources of employment. The study was conducted in ten villages of AUSA and Renapur Tehsils of Latur district of Maharashtra state. For the study, 60 women labourers were selected from those ten villages. The problem of unemployment in agriculture has been very severe due to its seasonal nature. Also, the existence of fragmented holdings, crop loss due to drought and pest attack has severed the problem of unemployment. The present study revealed that the women labourers had no employment in agriculture for 155.63 days in a year which accounts for almost five months. As a result the women labourers had to find alternative source of unemployment like MGNREGA, construction, brick making, domestic servant etc.

**KEY WORDS :** Unemployment, Off season, Alternative sources, Woman labourer

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