

## Constraints and suggestions of women in livestock enterprises of women's SHGs

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### ABSTRACT

Study was conducted for the estimation of constraints and suggestions of women in livestock enterprises of women's SHGs. For the study Jamkhed Tehsil of Ahmednagar district was surveyed in the year 2008-09. The results revealed that major constraint faced by women in crossbred cow SHG was like low price of milk in dairy, health problem of cow and breeding problem of cow. To overcome these problems they suggested the provision of medical facilities at low rate and high price of milk in dairy. Constraints of buffalo dairy women was lack of training for the preparation of processed product and non-availability of dairy cold storage house. To overcome the problems they suggested that provision of training for the preparation of processed product, availability of milk processing unit and availability of cold storage house. Constraint faced by women in goat rearing enterprise was like non-availability of shed and non-availability of high quality breed. To overcome the problems, they suggested that provision of shed and high quality breed. It can be inferred that policy makers have to consider the suggestions of women for solving the constraints of women in livestock SHGs.

**KEY WORDS :** Crossbred cow, Buffalo, Goat rearing, Constraint, Suggestions

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### INTRODUCTION

Microfinance schemes using self-help groups were designed and NABARD considered this SHG-Bank linkage model as a core strategy for rural development. Micro-finance helps the rural poor to improve their standard of living and fulfills their credit needs. Thus, NABARD reported that 2.24 million SHGs have been linked with 44362 bank branches in 583 districts in India. Most of the rural women are running the agricultural as well as livestock based enterprises in SHGs. In crossbred cow dairy SHG, the women members are facing the problem of green fodder, veterinary service and disposal of milk. In buffalo dairy SHG, women members have the problem of disposal of milk as well as marketing of processed milk products. In goat rearing SHG, women members are facing the problem like lack of scientific shed of young goats and kids. By considering above problems, the present study like constraints and suggestions of women in livestock enterprises of women's SHGs has been undertaken.

### METHODOLOGY

Multistage sampling design was adopted for the

selection of district, Tehsil and self-help groups. In the first stage, Ahmednagar district was purposely selected for the present study on the basis of highest number of self-help groups in the district. In the second stage, Jamkhed Tehsil was selected purposely on the basis of highest number of agricultural base women's SHG in the district. In the third stage, five crossbred cow dairy, five buffalo dairy and five goat rearing women's self-help groups which were having ten women members were selected randomly. The cross sectional data were collected from 150 women members with the help of pretested schedule by personal interview method during the year 2008-09. The collected data were related to problems faced by women members in livestock enterprises of women's SHGs. Data were also related to suggestions which were given by women members. Thus, data were analysed by frequency and percentage method.

### OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSION

The finding of the present study as well as relevant discussion have been presented under the following heads:

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