



## Development of role perception scale of farm women in decision making

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### ABSTRACT

The investigation was conducted to develop the role perception scale of farm women in farm and home activities from Parbhani district of Maharashtra state (India). One hundred twenty respondents were selected randomly. For development of scale, firstly list of farm and home activities were prepared. The statement were rated for the response on a five continuum base and the scale procedure as per the Likkert technique of summated, rating was followed. The scale was found to be reliable and valid for future research.

## INTRODUCTION

Role perception scale of farm women in decision making has to be studied because women share abundant responsibilities and perform wide spectrum of duties in home and farm activities, moreover their involvement as a key person is now a days can not be neglected.

Role has been operationally defined as the actual functions performed by farm women in relation to their position in the household.

Dalton and Robert (1961) viewed perception is both in individual and universal process. Thakur *et al.* (1991) stated that more than two third of the women perceived that they should be involved in decision making connected with preparation of seed, weeding operation, storage of farm produce or engaging of labourers.

All India Coordinated Research Project (1998) reported that the maximum female initiated the decision in farm related practices. The final decision making by male members ranged between 98.00 to 100.00 per cent. This highlighted the fact that the decision regarding farm related activities are still being

dominated by men.

From the above reference it is clear that women play the major role in farm operations, however the males play dominant role in hard work like ploughing, marketing, spraying etc. which required more physical exertion and skill. Farm women perceive their role very well but very few of them felt that they should be involved in preparatory tillage and intercultural activities.

The personality of the individual adds something to the process under certain conditions which alter the perceptions. Man acts upon his ideas, who he thinks, what he believes and what he anticipates. The scale was developed by applying the Likert technique of summated rating (Edward, 1969).

## METHODS

List of villages of Parbhani district was obtained from the Block Development Officers. Gangakhed, Purna Taluka were taken randomly three villages from each taluka were selected for the represents study.

#### Selection of tools:

In order to carryout field research, the tools used in the