

Role of Grampanchayat members in village development

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Morshi Panchayat Samitit of Amravati district of Maharashtra state. Findings of study revealed that majority of Grampanchayats members were middle age group, most of them were educated, having low cosmopolitaness, small to medium land holding, medium social participation and low to medium socio-economic status. Results of correlation analysis revealed that education, social participation, size of family, socio-economic status, cosmopolitaness, experience, land holding and role perception had positive significant correlation with the role performance while age had negative significant impact with role performance.

INTRODUCTION

As the Grampanchayat is one of the three basic institutions functioning in the village for the development of the village life. It occupies a key position in the all round development of the village. The progress of the village life ultimately depends upon the effective functioning of this institution, which in turn depends upon the role performance of the elected members of the Grampanchayat.

Bearing in mind the importance of the Grampanchayat and the expected role of its members in the village development, the present study was undertaken. The study will throw some light on some of socio-economical and psychological characteristics of the Grampanchayat members. From the findings of this study researcher will be in a position to develop a profile of active Panchayat members. The study will further help not only in understanding the characteristics of the Grampanchayat members but also in knowing the relationship of these characteristics with their role performance in village development activities.

METHODOLOGY

The study was carried out in the Morshi Panchayat Samiti of Amravati district of Maharashtra. In the present study the respondents were all Grampanchayat members of all the selected Grampanchayat villages. Out of the total number of Grampanchayats decided to take, one forth number of

Grampanchayats for the present study. Therefore, it was decided to take a sample of sixteen Grampanchayats from the total number 67. The selection of 16 Grampanchayat was done by the method of random sampling. The list of the Grampanchayat was provided by the Panchayat Samiti, which was used for selecting a sample of sixteen Grampanchayats. The data were collected through the structured interview schedule and forwarded for the analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Performance of Grampanchayat members regarding their role in different activities:

The data from Table 1 reveals that the Grampanchayat members had relatively better

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Table 1: Performance of Grampanchayat members about their different activities

| Sr. No. | Name of activity | Means score of activity | Rank order |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Agricultural development | 0.820 | VII |
| 2. | Animal husbandry | 0.699 | XI |
| 3. | Social forestry | 1.007 | II |
| 4. | Social welfare activities | 0.838 | VI |
| 5. | Educational activities | 0.999 | III |
| 6. | Hygiene and health | 1.126 | I |
| 7. | Building and communications | 0.891 | IV |
| 8. | Cottage industries | 0.700 | X |
| 9. | Co-operation | 0.753 | VIII |
| 10. | Village security | 0.730 | IX |
| 11. | General administration | 0.842 | V |
| | Mean score of activity | 0.855 | |