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Extent of adoption of diversified farming practices by tribal farmers of Madhya Pradesh

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Abstract : Agriculture is playing a vital role in Indian economy. Agriculture is the primary source of livelihood for the 58 per cent of the Indian peoples. In the country, 44.2 per cent workforce is employed in this sector for sustain their livelihood. It is life line of majority of the peoples. The present study entitled 'Extent of Adoption of Diversified Farming Practices by Tribal Farmers of Madhya Pradesh' was conducted in the Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh. The Khargone district comprises of total number of nine community development blocks (CDBs). Out of these, only one block *i.e.* Bhagwanpura was selected purposively from the district because this block was having maximum tribal population among other blocks of the district. The study was conducted with two types of tribal farmers *i.e.*, specialized farming and diversified farming practicing tribal farmers. A total 200 tribal farmers, in which 100 specialized farming and 100 diversified farming practicing tribal farmers were selected through the snow ball random sampling method from the ten selected village Panchyats. The results revealed that all the variables *i.e.*, age, educational, type of family, size of family, occupation, annual income, housing pattern, social participation, size of land holding, material possession, source of information utilization pattern, contact with extension personnel, scientific orientation, achievement motivation and risk orientation are found significant positively associated with adoption level of the tribal farmers who are involved in the diversified farming practices.

Key Words : Adoption, Specialized farming, Diversified farming, Tribal farmers

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