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An inquiry into intersectoral linkages of agriculture through social accounting matrix

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Abstract : As India followed a mixed economy model after its independence, both public and private sectors coexisted. In the agricultural sector, production decisions were highly taken by private producers with government's role limited to infrastructure development such as irrigation, extension services and trade in some major commodities. In the manufacturing and service sectors, state played a commanding role by owning and operating many industries. The post-reform period had witnessed significant decline in capital formation in the agriculture sector, especially in the public sector. The trade liberalization had led to shifts in cropping patterns towards cash crops such as cotton, oilseeds, sugarcane, fruits and vegetables for increasing the volatility of agricultural incomes. Besides, as a part of the structural change within the industrial sector, the importance of agro-based industries had come down in the post-reform period. Despite various development planning efforts, poverty, unemployment, and inequality still exist to a greater extent in Indian economy. An important factor responsible for this is the strategy of extension of macro level plan methodology to the development of micro regions (regional level). Initially sector's relationship with the rest of the economy through its direct and indirect intermediate purchases and sales should be known. The sectors with the highest linkages are likely to stimulate rapid growth of production, income and employment. In the present study linkage between agriculture and other industry was studied by constructing Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) and for that the study was undertaken in Krishnagiri District of Tamil Nadu.

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