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Socio-economic features and performance of self-help groups (SHGs) in western zone of Haryana

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ABSTRACT : In the present study Hisar district was selected from western zone of Haryana with the objectives of examine the socio-economic features and performance men and women SHGs. From the selected district, a list of SHGs was collected from Haryana Gramin Bank and categorized into two groups *i.e.* men SHGs and women SHGs. The selected sample 30 members were selected each from women SHG and men SHG *i.e.* total 60 members were selected. In the selected respondents 80 per cent of women SHG members were illiterate and among the men SHGs members 40 per cent had secondary education while 16.66 per cent were illiterate. The women SHGs members were not having any land in their name and working as a agricultural laborers. The members who belong to men SHG groups had an average land holding size of 2 acres including 1.5 acres as leased in land. Dairy farming was the main occupation and adopted by 50 per cent by men and 40 per cent by women SHGs. The fund utilization pattern was found to be more than 90 per cent in all the groups which were working more than past 4 years. In the study area there were 80 per cent were belongs to young age group of 20 to 45 years.

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