

Involvement of Tribal Farm Women in Agricultural Development in Tripura

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted to identify the involvement of tribal women in agriculture development in Tripura. The study was conducted in West Tripura district of Tripura during April to Aug, 2016. Multistage purposive cum stratified random sampling design was used. 1500 rural women were included as sample of respondents for the study. The study reveals that more than 50% tribal farm women participated jointly with family members in harvesting, compost making, application of manure, storing of harvested crops, collection of seeds and cleaning of harvested crops for marketing, seed cleaning, intercultural operations, seed storage and grading of harvested crop for marketing. In addition to this, a large percentage of tribal farm women did not contributed labour at all in application of pesticides, marketing, land preparation, application of fertilizer, seed treatment and fencing. It was concluded from the study that majority of tribal women directly involved in agricultural activity but there was some gender differentiation activity was followed.

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INTRODUCTION

Women are the molder and builder of any nation's destiny. They play a significant role in any economy. Women are regarded as the backbone of the rural scene. Most of the women perform various types of work for their livelihood and agriculture is considered as the biggest sector where large number of rural women takes part actively [1].