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# Department of Economics Study Report on

"Farming and Agro-based Business: Survey and Critical Analysis"

Study Area: Palasgaon Village (2020 - 2021)

#### Introduction

Palasgaon is an agriculture based village, surrounded with forest. Its locality is dependent on farming and Agro-based business only. Agriculture provides them sufficient economy to fulfill their basic needs, so it becomes their main source of income. Additional to this they carry some Agro-based business which helps them to improve their livelihood. To fulfill this purpose, we, the student of department of Economics visited the place to survey the same.

#### Objectives of the study:-

- To enhance self-employment and poverty alleviation.
- To collect information about Agriculture and business based on it.
- > To suggest some additional action plan on the basis of Analysis of collected information.

#### Information of survey site:-

Palasgaon is one of the biggest village in Armori Tehsil with the Population about 1400, Which is located at 10 km. from main city of Armori. People in this village carry their livelihoods with Agriculture and Agro-based Business. They have many Agricultural Resources. Village is provided with the facility of P.H.C. Veterinary Hospital and Junior college.

#### \* Methodology:-

Survey is being carried out according to sample survey method. Information is collected through the direct visit and group discussion with the villagers. Students of Economics department worked hard to carry on the survey in different groups on 07th and 08th April 2021.

#### Analytical Discussion: -

The main objective of Survey carried out by Economics Dept. is to improve research technics in student. The students were trained with informative questionnaire. Some probable difficulties may occur during the Survey. Keeping this in mind, student followed the polite behavior to make

it easy. Cooperativeness of both, the student and the villagers, the Survey was carried out smoothly.

#### **Agro-related Information**

| Sr. No. | Land Information     | No. of Family | Percentage |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1.      | Land holding farmers | 22            | 88%        |
| 2.      | Farmers with no land | 03            | 12%        |
|         | Total                | 25            | 100%       |

As per survey conducted by the students, it is observed that 88% farmers holding land for cultivation purpose in which dhan and groundnut is the major crop they are using.

#### Farmers Classification on the land holding:-

| Sr. No. | Land holding Capacity                   | No. of Family | Percentage |
|---------|---|---------------|------------|
| 1.      | Atyalphudharak (1.25 Acre)              | 17            | 77.27      |
| 2.      | Alphhudharak<br>(2.5 – 5.0 Acre)        | 05            | 22.73      |
| 3.      | Madhyam bhudharak (5-10 Acre)           |               |            |
| 4.      | Uchha bhudharak<br>( More than 10 Acre) |               |            |
|         | Total                                   | 22            | 100        |

In Palasgaon village majority of farmers belong to atyalphhudharak category (77.27%) due to less availability of land and minimized income they are facing difficulties to fulfill their primary needs (roti, Kapda and makan). Therefore peoples migrate for job in other district or state for labour work. It is observed that nearly 25% farmers migrate to **Chandrapur** and **Yawatmal** district for soyabean cutting work.

# > Type of Land (Irrigated and Non-irrigated land)

| Land Type    | Non-irrigated | Irrigated type |       | Total |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------|-------|
|              |               | Patbandhara    | Pumps |       |
| No.of Family | 15            | 01             | 06    | 22    |
| Percentage   | 68%           | 4%             | 27%   | 100%  |





From the survey, it is observed that large percentage of family follow under non-irrigated category (68%) i.e. one of the important factor in the development of rural economy. If the people get the facility of irrigation, they can take two crops annually so that rural economy can increase.

#### **Agriculture Loan Facility**

| Sr. No. | Loan Information | No. of family | Percentage |
|---------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1       | Loan Holder      | 9             | 40.90%     |
| 2       | No Loan Holder   | 13            | 59.01%     |
| Total   |                  | 22            | 100%       |

Information stated above shows most of the Farmers are not interested in loan facility to run the agriculture.

#### Information of Paddy Crops:-

# Number of Farmers running Paddy Crops are 22 i.e. 88.00 %

In Palsgaon village, farmers engaged in paddy crop is 88.00 % means most of the people are dependent on agriculture and carry their livelihood on the same income.

### > Information of Paddy Crops Production

| Sr. No. | Production Of Paddy crops | No. of family | Percentage |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1       | 10000-25000/-             | 17            | 77.27%     |
| 2       | 25000-50000/-             | 05            | 22.73%ss   |
| 3       | 50000-100000/-            |               |            |
| 4       | 100000/- and Above        |               |            |
|         | Total                     | 22            | 100%       |

Above information states that, Farmers getting average Paddy Crop Income annually about 10000-25000/-are 77. 27 % this percentage declares that farmers always live a poverty life.

# > Farmers Satisfied with crop Production

| Sr. No. | Information Of Production        | No. of Family | Percentage |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1       | Farmers Positive With Production | 9             | 40.90 %    |
| 2       | Farmers Negative With Production | 13            | 59.01 %    |
|         | Total                            | 22            | 100 %      |





According to the survey, 59% farmers are not satisfied with production of paddy crop annually. It is impossible to survive their life in low income group therefore there is an urgent need of Agro-based business. Meantime guaranteed income by the government is not related to investment on the crop production.

#### Vegetable Production

| Sr. No. | Vegetable Crop                 | No. of Family | Percentage |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1.      | vegetable pursuing farmers     | 03            | 4.54%      |
| 2.      | Vegetable not pursuing farmers | 22            | 95.46%     |
|         | Total                          | 25            | 100%       |

In the survey, it is observed that nearly 95.46% farmers are not interested in vegetable crop which is called as cash crop.

Number of Vegetable producer is very less as compared to other Agro based business.

There is lack of fruit farming, only 4% farmers have lake farming (shettale),12% farmers are doing poultry farming.

# > Information of Flower-Based Agriculture

| Sr. No. | Flower based Agri.                       | No. of Family | Percentage |
|---------|--|---------------|------------|
| 1       | Farmers with flower based                | 3             | 4.54 %     |
| A       | agriculture                              |               |            |
| B       | Farmers without Flower Based agriculture | 22            | 95.46%     |
| 0       | Total                                    | 25            | 100%       |

Above information revels that very less number of farmers are dependent on flower based Agriculture.

## Information of Dairy Product:-

| Sr. No. | Information Of Dairy Product | No. of Families | Percentage |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1       | Farmers with Cattles         | 05              | 22.72      |
| 2       | Farmers without Cattle       | 17              | 77.27      |
|         | Total                        | 22              | 100%       |





According to survey, farmers are not interested in agro-based business like cattle rearing, fish rearing and poultry farming.

#### Conclusion:-

Palasgaon locality is agrarian and most of the villagers are *Atyalp Bhudharak* category (77%) as well as having lack of irrigation facility which is responsible for underdevelopment of rural economy. Agro-based business is key factor for the enhancement of rural people but due to lack of information, government schemes are far away from farmers and this becomes the only reason, why villages still live in poverty.

### Action- Plan (Solution)

- -To increase the land area under irrigation
- -Traditional crops should be replaced with commercial crops.
- -Flower farming should be done, to meet the demand of flower -production .
- -Number of milky cattle should be increased.
- -Livestock Department should step forward.

-Green House- Shade should be developed in farm itself.

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