

# ECONOMICS OF TOMATO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING IN BILASPUR DISTRICT OF CHHATTISGARH

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**Abstract:** The present study was conducted with a view to economics of tomato production in Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh. The survey for this purpose was conducted in Bilha block of Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh. The primary data were collected from 60 randomly selected farmers from four villages for the year 2013-14 through personal interview method with the help of a pretested schedule designed for the study. The major findings of the study revealed that average the cost of cultivation of tomato was found to be Rs/ha. 33887.77. Overall cost of tomato of production was accounted Rs. 190.58/q to produce the average of 177.81 qtl/ha. Farmers received net income of Rs. 55017.255 per ha. Marketable surplus of marginal, small, medium, large farms was noticed to be 96.05, 95.44, 93.58, 94.94 with an average of 94.47 per cent of the total production of tomato respectively. Extension personal should actively participate to disseminate the information of new varieties and package of practices as well as procedures of standardization and grading of produce to obtain the more benefits. The cooperative societies should be formed by farmers for better performance and achievement of tomato cultivation. The produce should be procured at to ensure benefit and risk coverage by fluctuation of prices of tomato. On the basis of outcomes of the study, it is being suggested that pests & disease resistant varieties of tomato should be grown by tomato growers.

**Keywords:** Cost of Production, Cost Concepts and Marketable surplus

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