

## CONSTRAINTS FACED BY FARMERS DURING PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF MAJOR OILSEEDS IN RAIGARH DISTRICT OF CHHATTISGARH STATE

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**Abstract:** Oilseeds occupy a unique position in Indian agriculture. India is one of the largest producers of oilseeds in the world. An attempt has been made in this paper to finding the production and marketing constraints of major oilseeds in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh state with ninety farmers who were selected randomly from six villages. From each of the village fifteen farmers considered to collect the required information. Major constraints pertaining to cultivation of oilseeds were lack of resources (81.12 per cent) is generally faced by small category farmers. Due to this reason, these farmers are not able to invest for better production technology. Lack of recommended package and practices particularly doses of fertilizer, insecticides and pesticides are perceived by 77.78 per cent of producers. About 67 per cent farmers faced this problem. According to them this step will also prove very useful in improving the productivity of this crop at one side and in reducing the per hectare cost of cultivation on the other. There is technological gap because the extension wing of department of agriculture is not making proper and sincere efforts to disseminate the technical know-how from research stations to the farmer's fields. Lack of implementation of support price in the villages is the major problem faced by major oilseeds producers. Almost all farmers told that no any intermediary is prepare to give the support price if produce is sold by farmers in the villages. When they were asked that why you do not sale your produce in the market? More than 52 per cent producers perceived that transportation of small quantity of produce may not an economical if they sell this small produce in the market. More than 93 per cent producers told that the presence of itinerant traders in the producing area is only for limited period after harvesting the crop.

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