

CONSTRAINTS OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF LAC IN KORBA DISTRICT OF CHHATTISGARH

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Abstract: Lac culture is a cash crop of importance and provides valuable income to resource constrained growers inhabiting tribal-dominated forest and sub-forest regions of Chhattisgarh. The State of Chhattisgarh contributes almost 25 per cent of the total Stick Lac produced in India. Almost one hundred thousand household in the state is involved with the cultivation and procurement of this forest produce. However, the production per tree is almost on the lower end in Chhattisgarh. Jharkhand state ranks 1st followed by Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Maharashtra. Lac growers give more important to regular income from cultivation of lac over the years to one-time income from timber or fuel. The study aims to examine the cost, return, Marketing pattern and constraints in Lac production and marketing in the study area. The study is relied on the response collected personally from 75 Lac growers, selected purposely from two villages of Korba district of Chhattisgarh state. It was found that, most of the respondent belonged to schedule tribes; literacy of family members was observed 89.29 per cent in all categories of farmers. Agriculture is observed as the main occupation. The major constraints pertaining to cultivation of Lac were problem of Shortage of Broodlac 92 per cent is generally faced by Lac grower farmers. Similarly, high temperature during summer season, intensity with continuous rainfall, and insect pest etc., Lack of demonstration, Lack of labour and regulated marketing system was reported as most important constraint faced by the farmers during marketing of Lac. Study suggested that looking to the importance of Lac in the study area Government should provides Brood lac to the growers at subsidized rate and also ensured the marketing of Lac has to be done through co-operative societies/ other Government agencies at remunerative price to minimize the role of middleman in study area.

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