

## A STUDY ON DECISION MAKING PATTERN OF RURAL WOMEN IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY ENTERPRISE AT KORBA DISTRICT OF CHHATTISGARH

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**Abstract:** A survey based study was carried out to ascertain a study on decision making pattern of rural women in animal husbandry enterprise at Korba district of Chhattisgarh, using a pretested interview schedule through personal interview for sample size of 120 rural women in Korba and Katghora blocks of Korba district, Chhattisgarh (India). The socio-personal study revealed that majority of the women were middle aged (69.20%), illiterate (42.50%), belonged to other backward caste (68.30%) were engaged in animal husbandry practices. Maximum numbers of respondents had nuclear type of family and had medium size of family. In the study area, 62.50 per cent of the respondents had landless farmers and 57.50 per cent of the respondents had annual income between Rs. 32,501-65,000/-. Whereas, 70.00 per cent respondents had medium level of scientific orientation and 67.50 per cents had low level of Cosmopolitaness. Majority of the respondents (69.17%) had medium exposure to overall sources of information. Most of the respondents (44.17%) had low level of contact with extension personnel. In the study area, important independent female decisions up to some extent included feeding of animals (45.00%), cattle shed management (29.17), sanitary management (25.00%) and cleaning of animal and animal sheds (26.26%). On an average the decision making process was mainly performed jointly by male and female or by male. The female was responsible for deciding up to some extent in few activities only. Regarding correlation, out of all selected 11 independent variables, only 1 variable i.e. caste was found positive and significantly correlated with decision making of rural women in animal husbandry practices. Annual income, Scientific orientation, Source of information were also found significant but negatively correlated with decision making.

**Keywords:** Rural Women; Decision making pattern; Animal Husbandry Practices

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