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#### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE**





## ANALYTICAL STUDY OF MARKETING PROBLEMS BEFORE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN NANDED DISTRICT

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#### **Abstract:**

The increase in production from agriculture and allied activities has undoubtedly a very prominent role in the process of economic development. But in a predominantly agrarian economy like that of Nanded district, where the pressure of population on land is already very high and is constantly increasing, the solution to the slow progress of economic growth and living standard lies in the diversification of major economic activity, a process which largely depends on the rapidity of industrial development.

#### **KEYWORDS:**

 $An alytical\ , A griculture\ , economic\ development\ , Methodology.$ 

#### INTRODUCTION:

Hence, the researcher interested to find out the marketing problems of farmers, retailers and commission agents before agriculture development in Nanded district. Apart from this, the present study will definitely be useful to tress out remedies for overcoming the problems of agriculture development in the district.

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY:

In order to collect the primary data following methodology has been adopted. The investigation in economics starts with selection of appropriate numbers of respondent's preparation of scheduled selection of proper tools of analysis for the collection of data. Details regarding the plan of investigation i.e. sampling design, nature & sources of data, Statistical tools & Techniques etc. adopted for the study are presented in this paper under the following heads:

#### Sampling design:

Since the study has aimed at finding out the marketing problems before agriculture in Nanded district, the sample for the study necessarily involves the selection of cultivators as well as marketing intermediaries for gathering relevant data on the above aspects of the study.

In this study for the selection of cultivators multistage sampling techniques have been followed with district as the first unit, tehsils as the second unit and villages as the third and final unit.

#### **Selection of district:**

The agro climatic conditions prevailing in Nanded district of the Marathwada region in

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Maharashtra state are congenial for agriculture. Similarly, there is a good network of canals in the district, which enables to increase water table of the wells in the command area of the canals. This offers good scope for agriculture development. Hence, Nanded district has been selected purposively for the present study.

#### Selection of tehsils:

There are sixteen tehsils in Nanded District and all the talukas are selected as samples for the present study.

#### **Selection of villages:**

In this study, five villages from each taluka are selected randomly. These total samples villages are 80 from sixteen talukas have been selected for the present study.

#### **Selection of farmers:**

20 farmers from each taluka totaling 320 have been selected randomly (purposive random selection method). The list of farmers of selected villages has been obtained from the land holding.

#### **Selection of markets:**

Agricultural Production in Nanded district is marketed either in Nanded or Hyderabad market. Hence, the researcher has been selected as market of the production area and the latter as market of the consuming area.

#### **Selection of market functionaries:**

From Nanded market 10 commission agents and 30 retailers and 2 commission agents and 10 retailers from each taluka level market have been selected randomly. The Primary cross sections data have been collected by the survey method through conducting personal interviews of head of the respondent family. The data have been gathered with the help of well-structured specially designed pre-tested schedules separately for agriculture crop cultivators and each marketing functionary involved in the problems & prospectus of agriculture.

#### Objective of the study:

To identify the marketing problems of the farmers, retailers and commission agents before agriculture development in Nanded District.

#### Hypothesis of the study:

In-depth qualitative rather than quantitative information was used for the purpose to answer the research questions. Farmers, Retailers and the commission agents were interviewed to gather information.

#### Following is the hypothesis of the present study.

Farmers, retailers and commission agents of Nanded district are encountering the main marketing problems of agro products i.e. transportation, availability of markets, market information, price fluctuations, price rates and receipt of payment.

#### **Statistical Tools & Techniques:**

The following tools are used for analysis and interpretation of the study as wherever they are suitable/applicable.

A.Percentages B.Ratios C.Growth Rates D.Chi-Square Analysis E.Figures

#### Main Marketing Problems of Agro Products:

Views of the farmers, retailers and commission agents in respect of various problems of marketing faced by them are brought out in following table.

From the table, it may be revealed as under, Majority 419 i.e. about 77.60% are satisfied with the transport facility while only 22.40% (i.e. 121 respondents) have facing the problem of transport facility.

As in case of Availability of Markets problem, about 87.60% respondents are suffering from availability of markets and only 12.40% were facing the problem of unavailability of markets.

Regarding the Market Information, 289 respondents (about 53.52%) are satisfied with availability of market information regularly while 46.48% respondents suffering from the unregularly availability of market information problem.

As regards to the Price Fluctuation Problem, 463 (about 85.74%) samples are facing the problem of price fluctuation while other only 77 respondents about 14.26 % are not facing the problem of price fluctuations.

In respect of Price Rates Problem, 404 (about 74.81%) respondents are satisfied with proper price rates by other 136 i.e. 25.19% respondents are not satisfied about improper price rates.

As relates to Receipt of Agro Produced Payment Problem, 413 samples (about 76.48%) having the receipt of agro produce payment instantly while 127 samples i.e. 23.52% facing the problem of receipt of agro produce payment lately.

TABLE VIEWS ABOUT MARKETING PROBLEMS OF THE RESPONDENTS

Sr. No.	Problems	No. of Respondents				
		Farmers	Retailers	Commission Agents	Total	%
A)	Transport Facility					
01	Available	255	132	32	419	77.60
02	Unavailable	65	48	8	121	22.40
	Total	320	180	40	540	100.00
				( X² =2.81, table val	ue @ 5% le	vel = 5.99 )
B)	Availability of Markets	1				
01	Available	288	153	32	473	87.60
02	Unavailable	32	27	8	67	12.40
	Total	320	180	40	540	100.00
				( X² =4.94, table val	ue @ 5% le	vel = 5.99 )
C)	Availability of Market	Information				
01	Regularly	112	144	33	289	53.52
02	Unregularly	208	36	7	251	46.48
	Total	320	180	40	540	100.00
				( X <sup>2</sup> = 108.36, table val	ue @ 5% le	vel = 5.99 )
D)	Price Fluctuation					
01	Facing	278	156	29	463	85.74
02	Not facing	42	24	11	77	14.26
	Total	320	180	40	540	100.00
				( X <sup>2</sup> =6.19, table val	ue @ 5% le	/el = 5.99 )
E)	Price Rates					
01	Proper Prices	254	128	22	404	74.81
02	Improper Prices	66	52	18	136	25.19
	Total	320	180	40	540	100.00
				( X <sup>2</sup> = 13.17, table val	ue @ 5% le	/el = 5.99 )
F)	Receipt of Agro Produ	ice Payment				
01	Instantly	242	136	35	413	76.48
02	Lately	78	44	5	127	23.52
	Total	320	180	40	540	100.00

Source: - Field Survey

#### **Testing of Hypothesis:**

From the calculations based on the above table, following results are available.

#### **Availability of Transportation:**

Calculated value of Chi-Square is worked out as 2.81 whereas Table Value at 5% degree of freedom is 5.99. Calculated value of Chi-Square is less than the table value. Therefore the hypothesis is accepted. It can be said that the farmers of Nanded district are availing adequate transport facility.

#### Availability of Markets:

Calculated value of Chi-Square is worked out as 4.94 whereas Table Value at 5% degree of freedom is 5.99. Calculated value of Chi-Square is less than the table value. Therefore the hypothesis is accepted. It can be said that the farmers of Nanded district are satisfied about the availability of markets.

#### **Markets Information:**

Calculated value of Chi-Square is worked out as 108.36 whereas Table Value at 5% degree of freedom is 5.99. Table value is less than calculated value of Chi-Square. Therefore the hypothesis is rejected. It can be said that the farmers of Nanded district are not regularly getting the market information i.e. selling price.

#### **Price Fluctuations:**

Calculated value of Chi-Square is worked out as 6.19 whereas Table Value at 5% degree of freedom is 5.99. Calculated value of Chi-Square is the nearest to the table value. Therefore the hypothesis is near about accepted. It can be said that majority of the farmers of Nanded district are facing the problem of price fluctuations.

#### **Price Rates:**

Calculated value of Chi-Square is worked out as 13.17 whereas Table Value at 5% degree of freedom is 5.99. Calculated value of Chi-Square is more than the table value. Therefore the hypothesis is rejected. It can be said that the farmers of Nanded district are not getting proper prices for their agro products.

#### Receipt of Payment:

Calculated value of Chi-Square is worked out as 2.91 whereas Table Value at 5% degree of freedom is 5.99. Calculated value of Chi-Square is less than the table value. Therefore the hypothesis is accepted. It can be inferred that the farmers of Nanded district are getting the receipt of agro produce payment instantly/timely.



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