ASSOCIATION BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE LEVEL OF BENEFICIARY AND NON-BENEFICIARY FARMERS IN NAGAUR DISTRICT OF RAJASTHAN

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\textbf{ABSTRACT}

Proteins are an essential part of our diet, and for vegetarians, pulses are their main source of protein. Mungbeans is a pulse, consumed solely or along with rice as khichari. It is also added with vegetables and greens to prepare hearty soups. Its flour to be used to prepare crepes or added to breads. Various spices enhance its flavor, especially turmeric, cumin, dried ginger and coriander. This study demonstrates the latest concept in this series, which is “Front Line Demonstration”. This is a new concept of field demonstration designed by the ICAR with the commencement of the technology mission on oilseed and pulses crops in the mid nineteen eighty. This study was conducted in 12 FLD villages of four panchayat samities, namely Nagaur, Degana, Didwana and Merta. All the panchayat samities belonged to Nagaur district. The selected villages were adopted by KVK, Nagaur and a sample of 75 beneficiary farmers were selected randomly. Similarly, for comparison, 75 non-beneficiary farmers from another 12 non-FLD villages were selected. These non-beneficiary farmers were from the surrounding villages of the adopted villages. The knowledge level of beneficiary farmers regarding improved mungbean production technology was positively and significantly related with their education, social participation, and size of land holding, market distance, training received, extension participation, farm mechanization index and economic motivation. In contrast, in non-beneficiary farmers, their knowledge level regarding improved mungbean production technology was significantly associated with their education, social participation, size of land holding, market distance, training received and economic motivation, whereas extension participation and farm mechanization index were non-significantly associated with their knowledge level of improved mungbean production technology.

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