

CONSTRAINTS OF FARMERS IN UTILIZING CUSTOM HIRING SERVICE (CHS) OF TRACTOR BASED FARM MACHINERIES - AN ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

The custom hiring gained importance in agriculture mainly due to rise in the cropping intensity and drop in average landholdings. In India, the proportion of marginal and small size landholding increased from 69.6 per cent in 1970-71 to 85 per cent in 2010-11. Custom hiring system is better for the small farmers for timely and efficient farm operations and also to increase net farm income and productivity of the crops. The custom hiring farmers reported the problems of costly, inadequate and lack of timely availability of custom hiring services. The government developed the Custom Hiring Service Centres (CHSCs) established in Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) as custom hiring centres for such services hiring services and take steps like fixing the custom hiring rates, adequate availability and quality services, easy procedure to get services and creating more awareness about farm machineries especially through public custom hiring services. Hence the present study is an attempt to assess the constraints of public CHSCs established in PACS and private agencies. Therefore, there is need to overcoming constraints of public CHSCs and private custom hiring agencies for the benefit of small and marginal farmers.

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