

Dynamics of Rural Labor Markets in India– Implications for Agriculture

Policy Suggestions

- Address the tightening Labor market through technological development such as developing short duration – labor saving improved cultivars amenable to mechanization along with custom hiring facility for farm machineries
- Encourage innovations in designing appropriate location specific machineries and tools which are female friendly
- Non-farm diversification –Need strong policy support towards infrastructure, transport, storage, credit and market.
- Systematic promotion of manufacturing activity (secondary & tertiary agriculture) in rural areas by providing incentives for the formation of producer organization to undertake value-addition activities.
- Capacity building programmes for skill augmentation in rural India especially female in order to enhance their skills, suiting to future need in agriculture and non-farm sector in rural area
- Accelerating farm profitability is the pre-condition for raising wage rate in farm sector.
- Training farmers in productivity augmentation and cost reducing technologies
- Adoption of ICT driven institutional changes in agriculture to attract youth
- Need to revise the time frame of MGNREGA work. It must create more employment in lean season.



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