

## Participation of Tribal Farm Women in Decision Making

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### ABSTRACT

*The present study was under taken in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat state to know the participation of tribal farm women in decision making related to home, farm and livestock operations. Four tribal talukas of Sabarkantha district viz; Khedbrahma, Vijaynagar, Bhiloda and Meghraj were selected for the study purposively. Five villages were randomly selected from each taluka and five tribal farm women from each village were selected randomly. Thus, 100 tribal farm women were selected for the study. Majority of tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for home management aspects, more than half tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for farm management aspects and one-third tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for Animal Husbandry aspects. The overall jointly involvement of tribal women were nearly one-third in the process of decision making.*

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### INTRODUCTION

Farm woman is an integral part of the human society. Women contribute one-third labour force required for farm operations and allied enterprises. They have been playing significant role in home, farm and allied activities. Farm woman is associate to her husband in varying activities has grater role in decision making process.

Tribal women though illiterate, contribute to a lot to the agricultural development. It is thus imperative to study the pattern of such tribal women in decision making related to home, farm and livestock operations. Thus the study entitled "Participation of Tribal Women in Decision Making" was under taken with the following objectives.

- 1 To identify the involvement of tribal women in the process of decision making for home management.
- 2 To identify the involvement of tribal women in the process of decision making for farm management.
- 3 To identify the involvement of tribal women in the process of decision making for animal husbandry.

### METHODOLOGY

The study was undertaken in tribal talukas of Sabarkantha district. Four tribal talukas viz; Khedbrahma, Vijaynagar, Bhiloda and Meghraj were selected for the study purposively. Five villages were randomly selected from each taluka and five tribal farm women from each village were selected randomly. Thus, 100 tribal farm women were selected for the study. The data were collected by personally interviewed through the well constructed interview schedule on participation of tribal farm women in decision making. The frequencies and percentage were worked out on the basis of their response given.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### Home Management

The results regarding tribal farm women involvement in the process of decision making for home management are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1 : Tribal Farm Women Involvement in the Process of Decision Making for Home Management**  
n=100

Sr. No	Item of Home Management	Herself only		Husband		Jointly		Not related	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	Construction of new house	00	00	07	07	93	93	00	00
2	Decoration of house	76	76	02	02	22	22	00	00
3	Children education	00	00	05	05	95	95	00	00
4	Children occupation	00	00	15	15	85	85	00	00
5	Children marriage	00	00	40	40	60	60	00	00
6	House repair	00	00	21	21	79	79	00	00
7	Purchasing of household articles	15	15	15	15	70	70	00	00
8	Purchasing & selling of ornaments	00	00	05	05	95	95	00	00
9	Selection & preparing of foods	90	90	00	00	10	10	00	00
10	Borrowing money for home management	00	00	26	26	63	63	11	11
11	Repayment of loan	00	00	32	32	54	54	14	14
12	Manner of saving	00	00	12	12	68	68	20	20
Overall Total		181	181	180	180	794	794	45	45
Overall Average		15.08	15.08	15.00	15.00	66.17	66.17	03.75	03.75
Round		15	15	15	15	66	66	04	04

Majority of tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for Construction of new house, Children education, Children occupation, Children marriage, House repair, Purchasing of household articles, Purchasing & selling of ornaments, Borrowing money for home management, Repayment of loan, Manner of saving under home management aspects.

It can be concluded that one-third tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for home management aspects.

**Farm Management**

The results regarding tribal farm women involvement in the process of decision making for farm management are presented in Table 2.

**Table 2: Tribal Farm Women Involvement in the Process of Decision Making for Farm Management**

Sr. No	Item of Home Management	Herself only		Husband		Jointly		Not related	
		No	per-cent	No.	per-cent	No.	per-cent	No.	per-cent
1	Deciding areas to be grown under different crops	00	00	18	18	82	82	00	00
2	Introduction of new crop varieties	00	00	21	21	79	79	00	00
3	Selection of seeds	09	09	22	22	78	78	00	00
4	When to irrigate the field	11	11	30	30	61	61	00	00
5	Quantity & type of fertilizer to be used	00	00	52	52	37	37	00	00
6	Plant protection measures to be used	00	00	75	75	25	25	00	00
7	Hiring of farm laboures	00	00	20	20	25	25	55	55
8	Buying farm machine & equipments	00	00	25	25	53	53	22	22
9	Installing oil engine & electric motor	00	00	65	65	20	20	15	15
10	Buying & selling of farm land	00	00	26	26	54	54	20	20
11	Borrowing money for farm operations	00	00	31	31	37	37	32	32
12	Selling of surplus farm produces	00	00	08	08	62	62	30	30
Overall Total		20	20	393	393	613	613	174	174
Overall Average		01.67	01.67	32.75	32.75	51.08	51.08	14.50	14.50
Round		02	02	33	33	51	51	14	14

Majority of tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for Deciding areas to be grown under different crops, Introduction of new crop varieties, Selection of seeds, When to irrigate the field, Buying farm machine & equipments, Buying & selling of farm land, Selling of surplus farm produces under farm management aspects.

It can be concluded that more than half tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for farm management aspects.

**Animal Husbandry**

The results regarding tribal farm women involvement in the process of decision making for animal husbandry are presented in Table 3.

**Table 3 : Tribal Farm Women Involvement in the Process of Decision Making for Animal Husbandry**

Sr. No.	Item of Home Management	Herself only		Husband		Jointly		Not related	
		No.	per-cent	No.	per-cent	No.	per-cent	No.	per-cent
1	Selection of animal breed	00	00	25	25	75	75	00	00
2	Selection of fodder & feed	50	50	10	10	40	40	00	00
3	Sell & purchase of animal	00	00	21	21	79	79	00	00
4	Sell of milk & its products	30	30	14	14	56	56	00	00
5	Keeping size of herd	00	00	16	16	84	84	00	00
Overall Total		80	80	86	86	334	334	00	00
Overall Average		16	16	17.20	17.20	66.80	66.80	00	00
Round		16	16	17	17	67	67	00	00

Majority of tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for Selection of animal breed, Sell & purchase of animal, Sell of milk & its products, Keeping size of herd under Animal Husbandry aspects.

It can be concluded that one-third tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for Animal Husbandry aspects.

**Table 4 : Overall involvement in the process of decision making**

Sr. No.	Item of Home Management	Herself only		Husband		Jointly		Not related	
		No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent
1.	Home Management	15	15	15	15	66	66	04	04
2.	Farm Management	02	02	33	33	51	51	14	14
3.	Animal Husbandry	16	16	17	17	67	67	00	00
Overall Total		33	33	65	65	184	184	18	18
Overall Average		11	11	21.67	21.67	61.33	61.33	06	06
Round		11	11	22	22	61	61	06	06

Majority of tribal women were overall jointly involved in the process of decision making. overall nearly one-third tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making.

It can be concluded that overall nearly one-third tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for home, farm and livestock operations. The outcome of the study will be helpful to the selection of the areas for the tribal women training where they involved strongly in decision making process related to home, farm and livestock operations.

**CONCLUSION**

One-third tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making for Home Management and Animal Husbandry aspects. As regarding Farm Management aspects, more than half tribal women were jointly involved in the process of decision making. It can be concluded that