

Perception of Farmers Regarding Selected Aspects of Training Programme Conducted by SSK

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to find out the perception of trainees regarding selected aspects of training programme carried out by SSK, AAU, Anand during the year 2005-06. The trainees were highly satisfied with accuracy to subject matter, knowledge of subject and audio-visual equipment with respect to subject matter, quality of trainer and physical facility aspects of training, respectively. The average score in view of different aspects of subject matter was more than one (the scores given to satisfactory response) so it indicates that trainees were satisfied with all the aspect of subject matter. It was also notice that majority of the trainees were opined that the training was based on their needs and interest.

Keywords: Perception, trainees, different aspects of subject matter

INTRODUCTION

Sardar Smruti Kendra is conducting the short duration (one to four days) training programmes for the farming community of middle Gujarat (Anand, Amdavad, Kheda, Vadodara, Dahod and Panchmal) for farmers, farm women and rural youth. Since inception of Sardar Smruti Kendra, many training programmes are organized every year for farmers, farmwomen and farm youth. In order to know the perception of farmers regarding selected aspects of training programme, present study was carried out with following objectives :

- 1 To study the socio-economic characteristics of the farmers
- 2 To study the perception about selected aspects of training programme.

METHODOLOGY

The present survey was conducted in middle Gujarat. The responses were collected from the trainees who avails the training at Sardar Smruti Kendra during 2005-06. From the trainees 160 trainees were selected randomly. To measure the perception of the trainees regarding selected aspect of training i.e. satisfaction under different aspects of subject matter, satisfaction under different aspects of quality of trainer and satisfaction under different aspects of physical

facility scale developed by Patil et. al, (1996) was used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The data depicted in Table 1 that majority of the trainees had young to middle age (83.75 per cent), up to higher secondary level of education (80.00 per cent), large family size (64.37 per cent), up to 2 ha. of land holding (84.37 per cent), membership in 1-2 social organization (70.00 per cent), agriculture and animal husbandry as a major occupation (74.37 per cent) and up to two animals (67.50 per cent).

Table 1 : Distribution of the respondents according to their profile n= 160

Sr. No.	Characteristics	Respondents	
		No	Per cent
1	Age		
	Young (up to 35 years)	32	20.00
	Middle (36 to 55 years)	102	63.75
	Old (above 55 years)	26	16.25
2	Education		
	Illiterate	00	00
	Primary education	19	11.87
	Secondary education	30	18.75
	Higher secondary education	79	49.38
	College education	32	20.00

Sr. No	Characteristics	Respondents	
		No	Per cent
3	Family Size		
	Small (Upto 5 member)	57	35.63
	Large (More than 5 member)	103	64.37
4	Land holding		
	Up to one ha.	78	48.75
	1.1 to 2.00 ha.	57	35.62
	2.10 to 4.00 ha.	25	15.63
5	Herd Size		
	No animals	00	0.00
	Up to two animals	108	67.50
	More than 3 animals	52	32.50
6.	Social participation		
	No membership	09	5.63
	Membership in 1-2 org.	112	70.00
	Membership in >2 org	39	24.37
7.	Occupation		
	Agriculture	32	20.00
	Agriculture+ A.H.	119	74.37
	Agriculture +others	09	5.63

It is clear from the table-2 that the trainees were highly satisfied with accuracy to subject matter(90.00 per

cent) followed by ratio of lecture to discussion (72.50 per cent) and relevance of subject matter wherever, a considerable per cent(33.75) reported un satisfaction with adequacy of subject matter. The average score in view of different aspects of subject matter was more than one (the scores given to satisfactory response) so, it indicates that trainees were satisfied with all the aspect of subject matter.

Further, table -2 data shows that the trainees expressed their high satisfaction towards Knowledge of subject (80.00 per cent) followed by method of presentation (78.75 per cent) and use of audio-visual aids (52.50 per cent). Further it was also noticed that trainees were satisfied with ability to admit mistake (86.20 per cent), approach in teaching (60.00 per cent) and skill in human relation (57.50 per cent). The average score in view of different aspects of quality of trainer was more than one (the scores given to satisfactory response). Therefore, it implies that trainees were satisfied with all the aspect of quality of trainer.

It can be inferred from the table 2 that majority of the trainees were satisfied or highly satisfied with all aspects of physical facility.

Table 2 : Distribution of the respondents with respect to satisfaction under different aspects of subject matter n= 160

Sr. No.	Aspect of subject matter	Distribution of trainees						Av. Score
		Highly satisfied		Satisfied		Not satisfied		
		No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent	
Subject matter								
1	Relevance of subject matter	100	62.50	60	37.50	-	-	1.63
2	Applicability to subject matter	80	50.00	80	50.00	-	-	1.50
3	Ratio of lecture to discussion	116	72.50	20	12.50	24	15.00	1.58
4	Adequacy of subject matter	90	56.25	16	10.00	54	33.75	1.23
5	Accuracy to subject matter	144	90.00	10	6.25	06	3.75	1.86
Quality of trainer								
1	Knowledge of subject	128	80.00	22	13.75	10	6.25	1.73
2	Method of presentation	126	78.75	28	17.50	06	3.75	1.75
3	Use of audio-visual aids	84	52.50	76	47.50	-	-	1.53
4	Skill in human relation	60	37.50	92	57.50	8	5.00	1.33
5	Approach in teaching	46	28.75	96	60.00	18	11.25	1.18
6	Ability to admit mistake	16	10.00	138	86.20	6	3.75	1.06
Physical facility								
1	Seating arrangement	110	68.75	50	31.25	-	-	1.69
2	Audio-visual equipment	130	81.25	20	12.50	10	6.25	1.75
3	Demo. farm for practical training	116	72.50	20	12.50	24	15.00	1.58
4	Boarding and lodging	60	37.50	100	62.50	-	-	1.38
5	Library facility	96	60.00	58	36.25	6	3.75	1.56
6	Recreation facility	110	68.75	46	28.75	4	2.5	1.27

Table -3 revealed that majority of the trainees (73.75 per cent) were opined that the training was based on their needs and inter-

est. None of them were reported lack of relationship of the training with their needs and interest.

The results from the table -4 indicated that majority of the trainees (63.75 per cent were not satisfied with duration of the training period while they perceived satisfaction (61.25 per cent) with timing or month of training.

Table 3 : Distribution of the respondents according to their perception of training with their needs and interest

n= 160

Sr. No.	Extent of perceived relationship	No.	Per cent
1	To great extent	118	73.75
2	To some what extent	42	26.25
3	Not at all	-	-

Table-4 : Distribution of the respondents according to their perception to their satisfaction with duration and timing

n = 160

Sr. No.	Level of satisfaction	Duration of training		Timing of training	
		No	Per cent	No.	Per cent
1	Satisfied	58	36.25	98	61.25
2	Not satisfied	102	63.75	62	38.75

CONCLUSION

- Majority of the trainees had young to middle age (83.75 per cent), up to higher secondary level of education

(80.00 per cent), large family size (64.37 per cent), up to 2 ha. of land holding (84.37 per cent), membership in 1-2 social organization (70.00 per cent), agriculture and animal husbandry as a major occupation (74.37 per cent) and up to two animals (67.50 per cent).

- The trainees were highly satisfied with accuracy to subject matter (90.00 per cent), expressed their high satisfaction towards Knowledge of subject (80.00 per cent), and were satisfied or highly satisfied with all aspects of physical facility.
- Majority of the trainees (73.75 per cent) were opined that the training was based on their needs and interest and were not satisfied with duration of the training period while they perceived satisfaction (61.25 per cent) with timing or month of training.

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