Impact of KVK training programme on personal, socio-economic status and knowledge level of pigeonpea farmers in Gulbarga district

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ABSTRACT
The study was taken up in Gulbarga district of Karnataka to know the impact of KVK trainings on use of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides. Among 160 farmers, 80 trained and 80 untrained farmers spread in sixteen purposively selected villages with four Talukas namely; Gulbarga, Chittapur, Aland and Sedam under the domain of Krishi Vigyana Kendra. Two variables namely, socio-economic status and levels of knowledge about the training programme of the KVK were measured by pre-structured and pre-tested schedule. Finding of the study showed that 57.50 per cent of the trained and 60.00 per cent of untrained farmers were from the middle age group, With regard to level of education, 30.00 per cent of the trained and 36.25 per cent of the untrained respondents were educated up to Middle School. It was found that 45.00 per cent of trained and 41.25 per cent of untrained respondents were belonging to semi-medium income category and 61.25 per cent of trained and 53.75 per cent of untrained respondents were of medium farmer category. It was evident from study that 33.75 per cent of trained and 11.25 per cent of untrained respondents were regular listener of radio and 75.00 %, 57.14 %, 71.95 % and 42.86 % of trained respondents regularly participated in training, field day, Krishimela, demonstration and field visit, respectively and it was also found that 38.75 per cent of trained and only 17.50 per cent of untrained farmers belonged to high category in overall knowledge level.

Key words : Training, Socio-economic status, Knowledge level, Pigeonpea

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