

Sustenance of Marginal Farmers: Issues, Challenges and Hope

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Abstract

After going through detailed survey and intensive study about the poverty and hopelessness of modern day farmers it has been found that in the present circumstances one of the best solution could be adoption of organic mode of agriculture farming in place of intensive farming where there is a requirement of high input of chemical fertilizer and use of high yielding variety of seeds and high dose of chemical pesticide in order to get better crop output but in case of any natural devastation such as heavy rainfall or snowfall or drought condition which leads to failure of crops at the desire quantity drives the farmer towards agony and hopelessness. Sometimes farmers are under tremendous pressure of money lenders (private) or govt. bank (loan) which creates situation that farmer can not bear such pressure and situation arises in which the farmer concerned has to also look towards there family responsibility. In such situation the farmer loses his hope of living and some times takes extreme step towards suicide. Therefore, it is recommended to go for organic farming in place of intensive farming, as organic farming requires less expenditure for agricultural operation interims of input cost. However, the production could not be expected at par with intensive agriculture but input cost will be less therefore in any eventuality such as natural or manmade disaster will not jeopardy there hope for survival and lead a respectful life. There are many other options apart from intensive farming such as integrated farming such as agro forestry, agro horticulture etc. which can open other avenue for generating parallel income to supplement farmers economic benefit to lead a hopeful life.

The another hypothetical situation is the case when the next generation of farmer do not opt for agriculture profession as service sector will offer better job prospects and hope for comfortable life rather than becoming or adopting farmers professions in that situation who will produce grain to feed the millions mouths and combats the hungers and poverty. therefore it is high time that the government of the day as well as farmers union take this responsibility to create a situation for augmenting the hope and trust in farming community by taking corrective steps to tackle this alarming situation and do the needful to generate faith so that no more farmer should go for suicide and any extreme steps further.