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Perception and constraints in adoption of soil and water conservation practices among the Sujala Watershed Project beneficiaries of Northern Karnataka

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SUMMARY : The study was conducted during 2012-2013 in the Sujala Watershed Project implemented in Haveri and Dharwad districts of Karnataka state. Sample consisting of 80 beneficiaries of project area and 80 non-beneficiaries were personally interviewed through well structured interview schedule. The results revealed that high perception about the usefulness and appropriateness was noticed with more number of beneficiaries (56.25%) as compared to non-beneficiaries (40.00%). The usefulness of nala bund, contour bund and contour strip was highly perceived by beneficiaries (97.50%, 85.00% and 77.50%, respectively) than non-beneficiaries (81.25%, 58.75% and 61.25%, respectively). Similarly, appropriateness of constructing check dam, nala bund and dugout was highly perceived by beneficiaries (91.25%, 85.00% and 82.50%, respectively) as compared to non-beneficiaries (42.50%, 58.75% and 57.50%, respectively). Non - availability of suitable implements was expressed by 63.75 per cent non-beneficiaries and 48.75 per cent beneficiaries. Similarly, lack of technical guidance and training was observed with more of non-beneficiaries (58.75% and 56.25%, respectively) as compared to beneficiaries (35.00% and 31.25%, respectively).

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