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Aspirations of under graduate girl students of Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola

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SUMMARY : Findings of the study revealed that majority of the respondent's fathers were in service, having graduate level education, possessed semi-medium land holding category with 2.1 to 4.0 ha, having family annual income in between Rs. 1.1 lakh to Rs.2.0 lakhs. Majority of the respondents belonged to nuclear type of family (76.74%) and having urban family background (69.77%). Regarding the educational aspirations of under graduate girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus, it was observed that majority of the respondents aspired to complete post graduate studies in agriculture followed by to complete a degree other than agriculture like MBA. As far as job aspirations of the respondents is concerned, it could be noted that majority of the respondents aspired for jobs in various Govt. departments (93.02%) followed by 88.37 per cent respondents who aspired for jobs in agriculture university. In respect of self-employment aspirations of girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola it was noticed that a great majority of respondents (90.69%) were not aspired for any business. However, as much as 4.65 per cent respondent aspired to start own business. With regard to socio personal aspirations of UG girl students is concerned, majority of the respondents aspired to work for betterment of women (93.02%) followed by development of village as well as development of farmers.

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The primary aim of established agricultural colleges and institutions was to train and educate the students, so that they could engage in agricultural activities in scientific manner and thereby boost up the production. Similarly, these graduates are expected to be well equipped with knowledge and skill required for employment in agriculture, public and private sector. In this modern age, it is imperative to know the choice of carrier of the agricultural students and to

prepare them for a satisfied living in their life, as agricultural education offers many job opportunities to plan and choose their carrier to avoid frustration in their life. The specific objectives of the study are to study the profile of under graduate girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola and to study the aspirations of under graduate girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola

RESOURCES AND METHODS

An exploratory design of social research was used in the present investigation as the

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study aimed at ascertaining the aspirations of under graduate girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus.

The present investigation was carried out at 4 faculties of under graduation at Dr. PDKV, Akola campus. In all 43 under graduate girl students were selected from 4 faculties of under graduation at Dr. PDKV, Akola campus. The interview schedule was used for data collection in a face to face situation. The students were contacted and the information was collected from these under graduate girl students through interview schedule and analyzed.

All the project workers were partially involved in research project. The principal investigator had initiated and prepared the research proposal, developed an interview schedule, provided guidelines during the work of data collection, tabulation and analysis of the data and prepared the research report. The co-investigators assisted in preparation of interview schedule, collection and analysis of data and associated with preparation of the research report.

OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

The result obtained from the present investigation has been discussed in the following sub head:

Profile of the respondents :

The data with respect to various characteristics of the respondents have been furnished in Table 1. A critical look at Table 1 reveals that majority of the respondent's fathers were in service. (55.82%). Regarding educational level of respondent's fathers it could be noted that majority of them were graduate level educated (27.91%). With regard to size of land holding possessed by the respondent's fathers it is seen from Table 1 that higher percentage of respondent's fathers belonged to semi-medium land holding category of 2.1 to 4.0 ha. Regarding family annual income of the respondent's fathers it could be noted that more than half of the respondents had family annual income in between Rs. 1.1 lakh to Rs. 2.0 lakhs. As regards family type of the respondents majority of them (76.74 %) belonged to nuclear type of family. Majority of the respondents (69.77%) belonged to urban background.

As far as achievement motivation of the respondents is concerned it could be noted from Table 1 that majority of the respondent girl students had medium level of achievement motivation (67.44%).

With regard to the academic performance of the UG girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus it is seen from Table 1 that majority of the respondents (48.84%) had secured CGPA in 1st class with CGPA Of 7.50 to 8.49 followed by 41.86 per cent of respondents having 2nd class.

Aspirations of under graduate girl students :

Educational aspirations :

Attempts were made to ascertain the educational aspirations of under graduate girl students of four faculties of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus.

The data depicted in Table 2 indicate that majority of the respondents (90.69%) girl students aspired 'to complete post graduate studies in agriculture'. One fourth of the respondents aspired 'to complete a degree course other than agriculture like MBA' (25.58%). However, only 16.27 per cent respondents aspired to complete doctoral degree in agriculture (Iswalkar and Manisha, 2001 and Sarita, 2000).

Job aspirations :

It is seen from Table 3 that majority of the respondent girl students aspired to secure administration position in Govt. departments (93.02%) followed by 88.37 per cent of respondents who aspired for jobs in agricultural university. More than two third of the respondents aspired to secure administration position in State Department of Agriculture (79.07%). Comparatively less percentage of respondent girl students aspired for jobs in voluntary organizations (34.88%) and co-operative organizations (27.91%). Thus, it is concluded that under graduate girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus aspired for getting jobs in Govt. departments, State Department of Agriculture and Agriculture University.

Self-employment aspirations :

A critical look at Table 4, indicates that majority of the respondents (90.69%) were not aspired for self-employment. Amongst the various opportunities in/of self-employment, it is noted that as much as 4.65 per cent of respondents aspired to start her own business *viz.*, mushroom production, sericulture production, to establish nursery and to start agro service center. A meagre percentage of respondent girl students (2.32%) aspired for cultivating own father's land by adopting improved agricultural technologies (Waman *et al.*, 2000).

Table 1 : Profile of the respondents		(n=43)	
Sr. No.	Variables and category	Respondents	
		Number	Percentage
Father's education			
1.	Primary school	01	02.32
2.	Middle school	01	02.32
3.	High School	09	20.93
4.	College	11	25.59
5.	Graduate	12	27.91
6.	Post Graduate	09	20.93
	Total	43	100.00
Father's occupation			
1.	Business	04	09.30
2.	Agriculturist	15	34.88
3.	Service	24	55.82
	Total	43	100.00
Land holding			
1.	Landless	00	00.00
2.	Marginal (0.1 to 1.0 ha.)	06	13.95
3.	Small (1.1 to 2.0 ha.)	11	25.58
4.	Semi-medium (2.1 to 4.0 ha.)	17	39.53
5.	Medium (4.1 to 10.0 ha.)	07	16.28
6.	Large (Above 10.1 ha.)	02	04.66
	Total	43	100.00
Family annual income (Rs.)			
1.	Upto Rs. 50,000	05	11.64
2.	Rs. 50,001 to 1 lakh	08	18.61
3.	Rs. 1.1 lakh to 1.50 lakh	10	23.25
4.	Rs. 1.51 lakh to 2.0 lakh	13	30.23
5.	Above Rs. 2.1 lakh	07	16.27
	Total	43	100.00
Family type			
1.	Joint family	10	23.26
2.	Nuclear	33	76.74
	Total	43	100.00
Family background			
1.	Rural	13	30.23
2.	Urban	30	69.77
	Total	43	100.00
Achievement motivation			
1.	Low	05	11.63
2.	Medium	29	67.44
3.	High	09	20.93
	Total	43	100.00
Academic performance (C.G.P.A.)			
1.	8.50 and above (Distinction)	04	09.30
2.	7.50 to 8.49 (I Class)	21	48.84
3.	6.00 to 7.49 (II Class)	18	41.86
4.	5.50 to 5.99 (Pass Class)	00	00.00
	Total	43	100.00

Table 2 : Respondents according to their educational aspirations

Sr. No.	Educational aspirations	Number	Per cent
1.	To complete post-graduate studies [M. Sc. (Agri.)]	39	90.69
2.	To complete doctoral studies	07	16.27
3.	To complete short term courses	03	06.97
4.	To complete a degree course other than agriculture	11	25.58
5.	To complete PG diploma	10	23.25

Table 3 : Respondents according to their job aspirations

Sr. No.	Job aspirations	Number	Per cent
1.	To secure administrative position in Govt. Departments	40	93.02
2.	To secure administrative position in State Department of Agriculture	34	79.07
3.	To secure academic position in Agriculture University	38	88.37
4.	To secure job in private organizations	29	67.44
5.	To secure job in nationalized Banks	35	81.39
6.	To secure job in Panchayat Raj Institutions	29	67.44
7.	To secure job in voluntary organizations	15	34.88
8.	To secure job in ICAR	32	74.41
9.	To Secure job in other University	13	30.23
10.	To secure job in co-operative organizations	12	27.91

Table 4 : Respondents according to their self-employment aspirations

Sr. No.	Self-employment aspirations	Number	Per cent
1.	No aspiration	39	90.69
2.	To start own business	02	04.65
3.	To render consultancy services	01	2.32
4.	To start own farming	01	2.32

Table 5 : Respondents according to their socio-personal aspirations

Sr. No.	Socio-personal aspirations	Number	Per cent
1.	To work for development of village	26	60.46
2.	To work for development of farmers	26	60.46
3.	To become an ideal housewife		
4.	To get social recognition	21	48.83
5.	To make efforts to remove traditionalism	09	20.93
6.	To develop own caste/ community	20	46.51
7.	To work for betterment of women	40	93.02

Scio-personal aspirations :

A perusal of data in Table 5 regarding socio-personal aspirations of girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus, revealed that majority of the respondents (93.02%) were aspired to work for betterment of women. About 60.46 per cent respondents aspired to work for development of a village as well as development of farmers. Nearly fifty per cent of girl students aspired to get social recognition (48.83%) followed by developing her own caste/community (46.51%) (Modak and Sawant, 2004).

Conclusion :

Profile of respondents shows that majority of the respondent's fathers were in service (55.82%). having graduate level education (27.91%) with semi medium land holding category (39.53%) and had annual income ranging between Rs. 1.1 lakh to Rs. 2.0 lakhs (53.48%).

As regards family type of the respondents majority of them (76.74 %) belonged to nuclear type of family. With regard to the academic performance of the UG girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus, majority of them

had secured CGPA in 1st class with CGPA of 7.50 to 8.49 (48.84%).

In connection to educational aspirations UG girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus, it is concluded that majority of the respondents (90.69%) girl students aspired 'to complete post graduate studies in agriculture'. Regarding job aspirations, it was observed that majority of the respondent girl students aspired to secure administration position in Govt. departments (93.02%) followed by 88.37 per cent of respondents who aspired for jobs in Agricultural University. More than two third of the respondents aspired to secure administration position in State Department of Agriculture (79.07%). In case of self-employment aspirations it was observed that majority of the respondents (90.69%) were not aspired for self-employment. Regarding socio-personal aspirations of girl students of Dr. PDKV, Akola campus, it was noticed that majority of the respondents (93.02%) were aspired to work for betterment of women. About 60.46 per cent respondents aspired to work for development of a village as well as development of farmers. Nearly fifty per cent of girl students aspired to get social recognition (48.83%)

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