



Women Empowerment through Self Help Groups

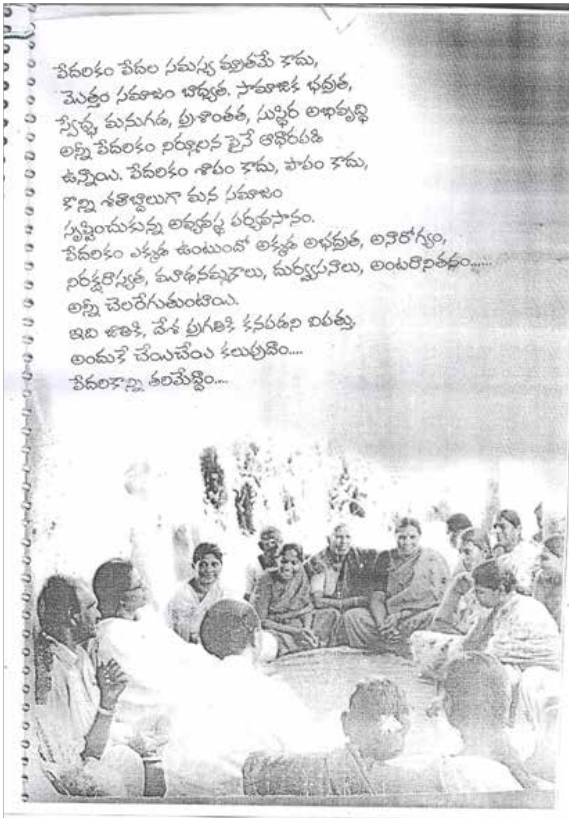
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ABSTRACT

The topic empowerment deals with the development of women in the society towards financial sector. At the same time it encourages women how to enhance self confidence and how to organize activities through different tasks of the topic. It creates goodness to women for a better status.

KEYWORDS :



launched as a sub programme. Later it will be called as (SHG) Self Help Groups.

Scope:-

The emphasis of the study is on group formation and mobility of economic activity it is purely a financial programme, to strengthen the financial activities of the poor women.

Objectives of the SHG:-

1. To strengthen the economic base for women.
2. To enhance productive skills.
3. To enhance decision making abilities.
4. To train women in productive skills and group dynamics.
5. To orient – the Development functions of poor women.

Strategies of SHG:-

1. To create employment – opportunities for rural women who are below the poverty line by providing skills vocational training which are acceptable to the beneficiaries, enhancing productivity in their existing vocations and by introducing new economic activities.
2. To organize the women beneficiaries according to group activity.
3. To generate income for the rural women.
4. To organize production enhancing programmes in rural areas.
5. To provide facilities for the children of working women.

Organisation of Activities:-

The activities should be organized on the basis of group and not at an individual level. For this purpose, the women beneficiaries must organize themselves into groups and the groups must be linked to a collective economic programme.

Group formation and function:-

10 – 15 women should come together for an activity of mutual interest to all. The president and secretary of the group operate joint – account – with the consent of the group.

Group Meeting:-

The periodicity of the meeting could be weekly, fort mighty or monthly. The time of the meeting should be such that it is convenient to majority of the group members.

Loan activity:-

The group must decide the purpose for which loan will be given, in addition to the rate of interest, repayment period and the loaning process.

Management of funds:-

The group is to manage its own funds as also the funds it receives from outside. Normally the sources of funds for the group are membership fees, savings fines, interest on loans.

Group disciplines:-

The group must function democratically and in disciplined manner. The repayment either, effectiveness of peer pressure implementation of bye laws.

About Women:-

The women is probably the most beautiful creation of God. It is a great thing to be a woman. There is nothing like being a woman because it is she who always hogs the limelight, gets the attentions love and care from others.

The woman some times as wife, mother, sister, daughter and other, as a lover has many roles to play in her life time.

About Empowerment:-

Empowerment is a process to lead life self confident self sufficient, and for self financial support.

About Self Help Group:-

In India, the constitutional and legal status of women is equal to that of men in all respects. But in reality women suffer in all spheres of their social and economic life.

The 6th five year plan (1980-85) represents a land mark in the history of women's development. The plan gave recognition to women empowerment as a separate entity. In this programme, DWCRA was

Financial Assistance:-

Financial assistance is available to the groups engaged in income generating activities. The assistance available to the group will be Rs.15,000/-.

Training needs:-

Training is needed for both the organizers as well as the women.

1. To understand the needs of all castes and women in a village.
2. To understand the priorities of the economically backward women.
3. To build positive attitude towards women.
4. To initiate economic activities and understand the various stages involved from processing raw material to production and ensure that the women receive their income on time.

Input needs for rural women:-

The inputs needed for women are – behavioural skills, vocational skills, need to build confidence, leadership skills, organizing skills etc.

Table District wise details of Groups

S.No.	District	SHG
1	Guntur	11,376
2	Krishna	13,741
3	Nalgonda	11,967
4	East Godavari	34,286
5	West Godavari	8533

Some small scale industries available for SHGs

1. Milk and products
2. Pickles manufacturing
3. Agarbathi
4. Tailoring and readymade garments
5. Screen printing

Provision formarketing

Under SHGs there is a direct provision for marketing the manufactured goods by women groups.

Conclusion:-

In this way empowerment can be achieved by Self Help Groups. Through Self Help Groups not only to be achieved financial support but also, self confidence, leadership qualities, organizing skills etc.

No doubt the women could achieve so many skills through SHGs.

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