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Financial Performance of Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies of Gandevi Taluka in Navsari District

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Abstract:

A co-operative is generally viewed as a socio economic organization that can fulfill both social and economic objectives of its members and has welfare of its members at its heart. Robert Owen, the father of co-operative movement was fully convinced that no amount of external assistance could improve the lot of workers except their co-operatives. The co-operatives provide opportunities for capacity building for its members and service to the society. It is especially beneficial to poor farmers and weaker sections of the society.

The main objective of the study is to evaluate the financial performance of all Twelve Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies of Gandevi taluka in Navsari District. The financial performance of the Twelve Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies of Gandevi taluka were examined using six financial ratios. The reasons for the difference in profitability among the co-operatives depends on how effectively the management is generating profit on sales, total assets and managing their investments. The study reveals that the profitability position of the co-operatives was very weak.

Section: 1 Introduction

Formation of social groups is the outcome of reflexive co-operation. Dr. C.R. Fay defined co-operatives from socio-economic point of view. According to him "Co-operative is an association for the purpose of joint trading among the weak and conducted always in an un-selfish spirit on such terms that all who are prepared to assume the duties of membership may share in its rewards, in proportion to the degree in which they make use of their association".

Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies in Gujarat

The co-operative sector in Gujarat has emerged as one of the largest in India with 58,459 societies of various sectors. South Gujarat is the mother land of co-operative sectors with 271 societies in agricultural sector, 17 societies in sugar sector and 2,278 societies in dairy sector:

Gandevi Taluka is predominantly the area of co-operative movement since independence. Freedom fighters of this taluka thought of a co-operative structure to save the farmers from the private traders and money lenders. In 1948, Gandevi Taluka Khedut Sahakari Sangh Ltd was established as a co-operative federal body at taluka level. Likewise, 12 primary village level agriculture marketing co-operative societies were also organized at

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Section: 3 Research Medhodology

Objective of the Study

The main objective of the study is to evaluate the financial performance of all twelve Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies of Gandevi Taluka in Navsari District.

Nature and Source of Data

The nature of data which is collected and used for this research is secondary in nature. The relevant and required data has been collected from journals, dailies, annual reports, magazines and websites of selected Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operatives and through various search engines.

Sample Selection

All twelve Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operatives Societies of Gandevi Taluka have been selected and compared for their financial performance for the year 1998-99 to 2007-08. Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies selected for the research work are as follows:

- 1. Amalsad Vibhag Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Khedut Mandli Ltd., Amalsad.
- 2. Bilimora Vibhag Vividh Kayakari Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Bilimora.
- 3. Nandarkha Seva Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Nandarkha.
- 4. Gandevi Taluka Kantha Vibhag Khedut Seva Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Kalamtha.
- 5. Manekpore Vividh Karyakari Khedut Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Manekpore.
- 6. Shree Kheti Vikas Seva Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Ajrai.
- 7. Ambheta Seva Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Ambheta.
- 8. Kharel Vibhag Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Gandeva.
- 9. Gandevi Vibhag Vividh Kayakari Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Gandevi.
- 10. Dhanori Seva Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Dhanori.
- 11. Kesli Sah Pati Seva Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Kesli.
- 12. Gadat Vibhag Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Khedut Mandli Ltd., Gadat.

Data Analysis

Various ratios have been used to evaluate the financial performance of Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies of Gandevi Taluka in Navsari District. ANOVA Test has used for the analysis.

Section: 4 Discussion

The financial performance of the co-operatives was examined using financial ratios to test their profitability, liquidity and solvency.

H₀₍₁₎: There is no significant difference in the Current ratio of the Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies in Gandevi Taluka.

One-way ANOVA

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Between Sample	11	57.205	5.200	25.96	0.000
Within Sample	108	21.638	0.200		
Total	119	78.843			

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H₀₍₄₎: There is no significant difference in the Net Profit ratio of the Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies in Gandevi Taluka.

Source	DF	One-way ANO	OVA		
Between Sample		SS	MS	F	P
Within Sample	1	0.0013034	0.0001185	35.90	0.000
	108	0.0003564	0.0000033	33.70	0.000
Total	119	0.0016598	0.0000033		
S = 0.00181	7 p	5.0010398			

As p value is <0.05, Ho is rejected @ 5% level of significance; which signifies that there is a significant difference in the Net Profit Ratio of all Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-

The calculated value of F statistics is 35.90, which is greater than the critical value, which signifies that there is a significant difference in the variability of Net Profit Ratio of all Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies.

Return on Assets

 $H_{0(5)}$: There is no significant difference in the Return on Assets of the Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies in Gandevi Taluka.

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Between Sample	11	0.0033660	0.0003060	13.13	0.000
Within Sample		0.0025174			0.000
Total		0.0058834			

As p value is <0.05, Ho is rejected @ 5% level of significance; which signifies that there is a significant difference in the Return on Assets of all Primary Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies.

The calculated value of F statistics is 13.13, which is greater than the critical value, which signifies that there is a significant difference in the variability of Return on Assets of all Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies.

Return on Capital Employed

H₀₍₆₎: There is no significant difference in the Return on Capital Employed of the Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies in Gandevi Taluka.

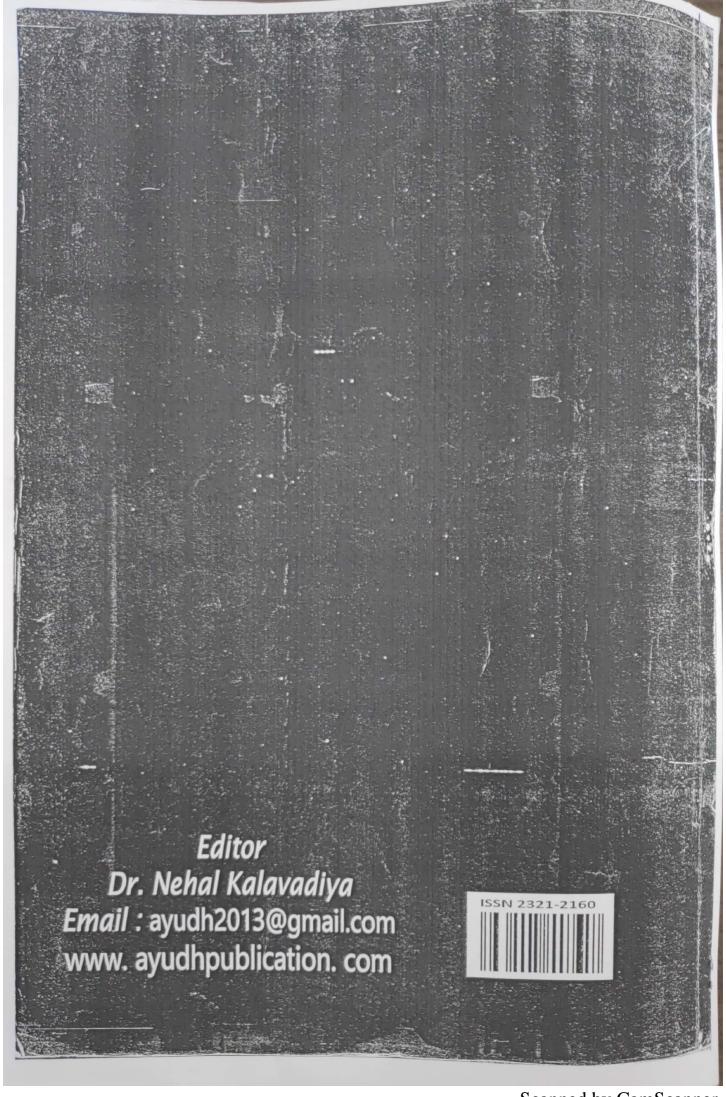
Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Between Sample	11	0.1320133	0.0120012	507.31	0.000
Within Sample	108	0.0025549	0.0000237		
Total		0.1345682	R-Sq(adj) =		

As p value is <0.05, Ho is rejected @ 5% level of significance; which signifies that there is a significant difference in the Return on Capital Employed of all Primary Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies.

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