

IS LITERACY A CAUSE OF INCREASE IN WOMEN WORK PARTICIPATION IN PUNJAB (INDIA): A REGIONAL ANALYSIS?

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ABSTRACT

It was well documented that the educational condition of women has improved in the past few decades but their work participation rate is still low. Here, the paper tried to see reasons behind this difference. There are many determinants of work participation rate but we limit this paper to education. The paper is based on the hypothesis of increasing women work participation rate with increase in Literacy rate. The correlation matrix between Work participation and literacy rate improvement does not show significant relation. In addition, it was found that women with primary education are actively engaged in agricultural sector. Finally, the paper Concludes with some general observations and suggestions.

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