

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) : Economic of Rural Development

Course Objective

The objective of the paper is to give an understanding about the nature and problems of India's rural economy.

Learning Objective

The student will learn about the dynamics of the rural economy.

I INTRODUCTION OF RURAL ECONOMY

Characteristics of rural economy, Social Aspects of India's Rural Areas, Barter System, Non-monetized Sector, Economic Characteristics Land and Asset Distribution. Agricultural Income, Vagaries of Monsoon, Agricultural Marketing, Agricultural Price Policy, Farm and Non-farm Income, Marketed and Marketable Surplus

II UNEMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY

Rural Unemployment: Types and Magnitude, Agricultural Labour, Marginal Productivity. Agricultural Wages, Wage Fixation: Minimum Wages Act. Rural Employment programmes, Employment Guarantee Act: MGNREGA. Rural Poverty: Nature, Trends, Causes and Consequences. Poverty Alleviation Programmes of Government.

III RURAL INDEBTEDNESS

Meaning of rural indebtedness, Rural Finance, Causes and magnitude of rural indebtedness, Sources of rural credit, Organized and unorganized, Money lenders, Indigenous Bankers, Co-operatives, Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks – NABARD.

IV DECENTRALISATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RURAL MARKETING

Critical evaluation of Panchayati Raj Institutions in rural development. Rural Infrastructure, Rural Industrialization. Agro-based Industries. Cooperative societies, Rural Marketing. Cooperative Marketing. Role of Self Help Groups.

SUGGESTED READINGS

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