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RANIBENNUR: The Seed Capital of India

Check list for studying the impact of seed industries

I. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- A. Give brief history of Dharwad district and Ranibennur Taluka (From British Gazeetar- historical facts can be obtained or through other sources)
- B. Ranibennur Taluka  
Population- Farmers- Landholding- Soils- Crops grown situation of agriculturists and farm labourers (Past and Present)
- C. Rainfall- climate- droughts- how people cope with drought- Irrigation facilities- change in rainfall? (Past and Present)
- D. Establishment of Seed Companies:  
Why they came; Reasons; Which seeds, why more industries were established?  
  
(Annual Reports of Seed Companies from the year they established branch in Ranibennur, internal reports of available.)
- E. How many companies are there at present?  
-How many people are employed- capital outlay- how many local people get jobs in these companies?

II. SEEDS

- A. Vegetable? Oilseed? or any other seeds? Why they chose Ranibennur?
- B. Diversification of seed- to various other crops- to other regions in Dharwad Dt.
- C. What is the main job of these companies? Seed production or improvement? (have they improved seeds?)
- D. Seed production techniques- do the company add technical input into seed?
- E. Where do they procure seeds from? (for distribution among farmers)

III. STRATEGY

- A. What is the strategy of seed company for producing seeds- (with farmers)- detail study of modes operendi.
- B. The actual working of the strategy- case studies.
- C. How the company makes profit from farmers seeds (can we document the percentage of profit earned by the Seed Company?)

IV. AFFECTS ON FARMERS:

- A. Change in growing crops form consumption (for the family) to market, for companies.
- B. On Nutritional condition of family (availability of different crops, millets)
- C. Health status detoriarted?- diseases- or immunity to diseases decreased? (talk to local doctors)
- D. The loss or profit to farmers.
- E. Affect of commercialisation on farming society (in various ways)

V. AFFECT ON CHILDREN

- A. Child labour-data, children from which class-caste?
- B. Increase in illetaracy rate
- C. Working conditions
- D. Wages
- E. Affect on growth of child

VI. AFFECT ON SOIL

- A. On soil- the affect of packages of fertilizers and pesticides/ fertility.
- B. Specific case studies of crops on which farmer has to spray pesticides (was he aware of precautions to be undertaken while spraying pesticides?)
- C. On health of cattle/cows/Milk
- D. On ground water/drinking water
- E. Did they cut trees around farm for growing seeds? or to increase the area?

VII. AFFECT ON ENVIRONMENT

- A. What is the affect of seed Company on whole ecology of the area?
- B. On soil, water and air
- C. On socio-cultural aspects.
- D. Who has economically benefited (Seed Companies or big farmers)
- E. Who are on the loosing end- Children labourers, women?

VIII. CONCLUSION

- A. How the situation can be changed?