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**'Cattle Markets Run By Gram Panchayat Are More Economical Than
By Agriculture Produce Market Committee:-A Study With
Reference To Latur District'**

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Abstract

Out of 8 cattle market committees in Latur district; cattle market committees of Latur, Udgir and AUSA are in deficit continuously over a period of 11 years (i.e.1996-97 to 2006-07). The main thing of these three market committees is that their regulation and management is done by Agriculture Produce Market Committees. There is an increasing trend of surplus of each of five cattle market committees over a period of 11 years, but there is no regular increase year by year. The highest profit making cattle market committee is Handarguli Cattle Market Committee. It accounts surplus an average of Rs. 1,37,628/- per year over a period of 11 years

The employed staff by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee is permanent in nature and salary is paid as per government pay scale. Hence staff salary is high and becoming a major part of total expenditure of these three cattle market committees. Therefore, these market committees are in deficit continuously over a period of 11 years.

The regulation and management of remaining 5 cattle market committees is done by Gram Panchayat Offices which are in surplus continuously over a period of 11 years as shown in the following table.

It is concluded that the hypothesis of the study i.e. "the cattle markets run by Agriculture Produce Market Committees are in deficit, where as the cattle markets run by Gram Panchayat Offices are in surplus" is tested and accepted with the help of results shown in the Table 1.

Introduction:

Cattle marketing is very distinct from marketing of any other product or service. Each and every cattle is distinct from each other in respect of size, height, colour, shape, appearance, age, milk yield, order and stage of lactation, stage of pregnancy and working capacity etc., hence the prices are also not one and the same for all cattle.

Cattle markets are playing very important role in making available the platform to the participants in cattle markets. For making in depth study of cattle marketing in Marathwada region of state of Maharashtra in India, Latur district is selected as a representative of the region. The researchers have selected eight major cattle markets on the basis of their significance in the district namely Latur, Udgir, AUSA, Murud, Renapur, Nalegaon, Deoni and Handarguli. Minor cattle markets are excluded as their very little influence on the cattle marketing in the district.

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Objectives of Study:

- i. To analysis income and expenditure of the cattle market committee.
- ii. To study economical status of the cattle markets.

Hypothesis of Study :

Cattle markets run by gram panchayat are more economical than by agriculture produce market committee.

Research Methodology:

The study is based upon primary and secondary data. The researcher has conducted a field survey by means of visits and interviews for the purpose of collecting primary data and secondary data collected from official records of concerned cattle market committee.

Selection of Sample:

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Comparative Study of Surplus or Deficit of Eight Major Cattle Market Committees in the District for last 11 years

The following Table 1 discloses the picture of the performance of all selected cattle market committees in the district over a period of 11 years i.e. 1996-97 to 2006-07. Total income and total expenditure and also surplus / deficit of each cattle market committee for last 11 years is shown in table 1.

Out of 8 cattle market committees in the district, Latur, Udgir and AUSA cattle market committees are in deficit continuously over a period of 11 years except AUSA cattle market committee in the year 1996-97 and 1999-2000 is in surplus of Rs. 6,625/- and Rs. 2,570/- respectively. The main thing of these three market committees is that their regulation and management is done by Agriculture Produce Market Committees. The employed staff by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee is permanent in nature and salary is paid as per government pay scale. Hence staff salary is high and becoming a major part of total expenditure of these three cattle market committees. Therefore, these market committees are in deficit continuously over a period of 11 years.

Table No. 1
Comparative Statement of Surplus or Deficit of Eight Major Cattle Market Committees
in the District for last 11 years

Year	Latur	Udgir	Ausa	Renapur	Murud	Nalegaon	Deoni	Handarguli
1996-1997	-46,910	-79,974	6,625	26,320	64,800	8,625	15,084	78,160
1997-1998	-48,140	-75,760	-3,710	30,560	70,125	15,475	16,458	94,075
1998-1999	-41,463	-81,706	-1,390	28,400	72,890	68,875	14,290	75,975
1999-2000	-43,237	-76,674	2,570	20,080	69,475	76,825	13,000	70,515
2000-2001	-43,750	-89,546	-8,255	35,640	68,625	70,930	13,100	68,165
2001-2002	-44,066	-88,764	-15,675	16,740	73,250	86,375	14,720	62,970
2002-2003	-42,470	-87,752	-6,125	36,738	71,770	91,675	21,712	63,435
2003-2004	-26,750	-86,120	-3,230	40,770	72,940	99,475	16,058	205,460
2004-2005	-38,120	-55,475	-2,185	37,521	76,430	96,550	71,360	247,800
2005-2006	-44,078	-63,370	-5,420	44,730	125,800	106,150	70,740	253,980
2006-2007	-36,060	-62,050	-10,290	63,531	126,390	112,975	68,230	293,370
Total Average	-41,368	-77,017	-4,280	34,639	81,136	75,812	30,432	137,628

Source : Cattle market Committees in the District

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It is concluded that the hypothesis of the study i.e. "the cattle markets run by Agriculture Produce Market Committees are in deficit, where as the cattle markets run by Gram Panchayat Offices are in surplus" is tested and accepted with the help of results shown in the Table 1.

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