RESTRUCTURING FLOOD DAMAGED RURAL AGRICULTURE SECTOR OF ASSAM THROUGH MINOR IRRIGATION

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ABSTRACT

Agriculture is the backbone of the economy of Assam. But it is chronically affected by floods. Apart from floods the growth and productivity of agricultural sector is far from satisfactory and is much lower as compared to other states of India. All these individualities of agriculture in Assam direct towards the need for sustainability of agricultural growth and economy. In this paper an endeavour has been made to develop alternative strategy, minor irrigation as one for supporting the agricultural economy. This study furnishes prime importance on the minor irrigation as a vital ingredient in increasing the growth of agricultural sector in flood affected areas. Such disasters on the agriculture of Assam can be minimised by following appropriate alternative agricultural practices where minor irrigation can be an alternative one.

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