



Perception of Rural Women about Improved Cooking Stoves in Bundi District of Rajasthan

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Abstract: Study was conducted in Bundi district of Rajasthan to know the perception of rural women about the benefits of use of improved cooking stoves. A total of 75 rural women were selected from six villages as respondents through proportionate sampling. Study revealed that majority (57.33 per cent) of the respondents had favourable perception towards the benefits of use of improved cooking stoves and had replaced use of traditional cooking stoves with improved cook stoves partially. Safe passage or removal of cooking smoke outside kitchen area was perceived as the most important benefit of use of improved cook stoves followed by fuel saving and time saving. Factors such as family size, level of education, innovativeness, health consciousness and contact with extension personnel were found to have positive and significant correlation with the perception of respondents towards benefits of use of improved cooking stoves.

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