

# Factors Affecting Participation of Woman in Household Decision Making: Implication for Family Welfare and Agriculture Development

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## Abstract

In the present paper an attempt has been made to assess the participation of women in different household decisions. A Decision Making Index (DMI) was developed for different household decisions. The results based on a survey in Muzaffarnagar district of Uttar Pradesh, the revealed that women do not enjoy a high degree of autonomy in decision making in the family in spite of their significant contribution to economic activities. The patriarchic forms of decision making and dominance over women still continue in the study area. These attitudes must change before women are able to enjoy the autonomy and activities participation in rural work force. Education and improvement in their economic independence will help in increasing women's involvement in the decision-making.