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PREFACE

The evaluation studies of the SFDAs in various parts of the country in the recent past have high-lighted several important issues that merit re-thinking on the part of the policy makers, administrators and economists. The concept of 'Small Farmer' is one of them. The present study attempts to examine various criteria suggested and norms adopted for identification of small farmers over one decade. This study suggests a criterion which is more workable and objective. It is hoped that, this work would provoke further thought on rationalising the concepts and methods in the identification of small farmers. An attempt is made to illustrate the argument for this criterion with the data of Farm Management Studies on Cuttack district for the year 1969-70.

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