

A PROBE INTO SHIFTS IN CROPPING PATTERN IN TELANGANA STATE – A MARKOV CHAIN APPROACH

ABSTRACT: Assessing variations in cropping patterns across various locations is crucial for a better understanding of the agricultural development plan. The goal of the current study was to look at Telangana state's changing cropping patterns. Data spanning the years 2000-01 to 2020-21 were gathered from the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Telangana and they were then evaluated using the Markov chain method. The research's key findings showed that none of the crops in Telangana kept their acreage; instead, the area devoted to each crop changed continually during the course of the study, from one crop to another. The area under crops other than cereals, major oil seeds, pulses has more retention while it lost area to rice, cotton, black gram, chillies, cow gram, ground nut, jowar and mesta. This indicated that there was greater shift in cropping pattern in Telangana State. The selection of crops holds immense potential to elevate agriculture to the forefront of property growth, and it should be a focal point in research and extension programmes.

Key words: Cropping pattern, markov chain analysis, transitional probability matrix, shift, diversification

INTRODUCTION

The Indian economy is largely dependent on agriculture. In India, agriculture is a source of income for more than 70 per cent of rural households. 60 percent of the population is employed in agriculture, which contributes 19.9 per cent to GDP (2020–2021). In 1950–1951, there were 51 million tonnes produced; in 2020–2021, there will be 308.65 million tonnes. The total area in Telangana State used to grow food grains is 3.38 million hectares (2020–21). (Agriculture Statistics at a Glance 2021). Gross sown area (GSA) in Telangana increased from 5.45 million hectares in 2014–15 to 8.75 million hectares in 2020–21. Both the overall cropped area and the irrigated area have expanded considerably. The gross sown area of paddy increased from 43.42 per cent in 2014-15, to 76 per cent in 2020-21(Telangana-Socio-Economic-Outlook-2022). Hence, in Telangana there were significant changes in cropping pattern.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Markov chain analysis: Using the LINDO software, transitional probabilities were computed based on a linear programming (LP) technique to evaluate the dynamism in the direction of cropland from 2000-01 to 2020-21. Different crops, including paddy, cotton, maize, red gram, sorghum, oil seed crops were taken into account to determine the shift in cropping patterns. A transitional probability matrix (P) is created via Markov chain analysis, and its elements (P_{ij}) represent the likelihood (share) of a crop moving from the i^{th} crop to the j^{th} crop over time. Following equation is an algebraic way to describe this:

$$E_t = \sum [E_{t-1}] P_{ij} + e_t$$

$$i = 1, \dots, n$$

Where,

E_t = area under crop for the j^{th} crop group in year't';

E_{t-1} = area under crop for the i^{th} crop group in year't-1';

P_{ij} = probability of shift in area under i^{th} crop to j^{th} crop

e_t = error-term statistically independent of E_{t-1} ;

n = number of crops.

The transitional probabilities P_{ij} arranged in ($m \times n$) matrix have the following properties:

$$\sum P_{ij} = 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq P_{ij} \leq 1$$

$$i = 1, \dots, n$$

The transitional probability matrix (T) based on LP framework will be estimated using Minimization of Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD).

$$\text{Min, } OP^* + I e$$

$$\text{Subjected to } X P^* + V = Y$$

$$GP^* = 1$$

$$P^* > 0$$

Where,

P^* = vector of the probabilities P_{ij} ;

O = vector of zeros;

I = appropriately dimensional vectors;

e = vector of absolute errors;

Y = proportion of area to each crops;

X = block diagonal matrix of lagged values of Y ;

V = vector of errors;

G = grouping matrix to add the row elements of P arranged in P^* to unity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The transition probability matrix accurately represented the consistency of the crop's acreage share and the direction of change over time. The crops grow steadily less stable as the diagonal components go closer to zero, and steadily more stable as they get closer to one. The components of the i^{th} row of the Transitional Probability Matrix indicate the percentages of the i^{th} crop's acreage from the previous period that are expected to be lost to other crops in the current period. The i^{th} column's element provides the percentage of the

ith crop's area that is projected to increase during the next several months.

According to the results of the transitional probability matrix (table 1) for several crops in the state of Telangana from 2000–01 to 2020–21, maize, chillies, and green gramme had zero percent retention, whereas

castor (4.7%) and cow gramme (95.2%) gained maize's lost acreage. Green gram was replaced by rice (35%), maize (1.3%), and bajra (63%), while cotton (22.2%) and other crops (77.7%) replaced the land that had produced chillies.

Table 1: Transitional probability matrix for shift in cropping pattern for period 2000-01 to 2020-21

CONCLUSIONS

The findings show that other crops held onto a percent of 79.7, while rice (1.3%), cotton (2.3%), black gram (2.5%), chillies (6.6%), cow gram (2%), ground nut (5%), jowar (1%), and mesta (4.4%) replaced the

of property growth, and it can be a focal point in research and extension programmes.

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Crops	Rice	Maize	Cotton	Bajra	Black gram	Castor	Chillies	Cow gram	Green gram	Ground nut	Horse gram	Jowar	Mesta	Others
Rice	0.314	0.019	0	0	0	0	0	0.203	0	0	0	0	0.078	0.384
Maize	0	0	0	0	0	0.047	0	0.952	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cotton	0.155	0.008	0.188	0.131	0	0.015	0.330	0.053	0.101	0.017	0	0	0	0
Bajra	0	0	0.732	0.264	0	0.003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black gram	0	0	0	0	0.808	0	0	0	0	0	0.058	0	0.133	0
Castor	0	0.183	0.382	0	0	0.433	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chillies	0	0	0.223	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.777
Cow gram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.745	0	0	0	0	0.023	0.231
Green gram	0.351	0.014	0	0.635	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ground nut	0	0	0	0.383	0	0	0	0	0.016	0.600	0	0	0	0
Horse gram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.521	0	0.479	0
Jowar	0.018	0	0	0.025	0.054	0	0.131	0	0.004	0	0	0.768	0	0
Mesta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.030	0	0.146	0.824
Others	0.013	0	0.024	0	0.025	0	0.068	0.021	0	0.230	0	0.005	0.045	0.797

remaining land. between 2000-01 and 2020-21. This suggested that Telangana State's cropping pattern has seen an increased shift. The fact that maize (1.9%), cow gram (20.2%), mesta (7.8%), and others (38.4%) replaced rice in the remaining area, which had been 31.4 percent, showed that Telangana's cropping pattern is shifting towards diversity.

FUTURE SCOPE

Based on the present work, the selection of crops holds immense potential to elevate agriculture to the forefront

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