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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is important for the scientific community because it explores the critical role of rural youth in agribusiness ventures, which directly impacts rural development and food security. By focusing on the challenges faced by young agripreneurs, such as limited access to resources and certification difficulties, it offers valuable insights that can help shape targeted policies and interventions. I appreciate the manuscript for its practical approach, highlighting both motivational factors and barriers. Its relevance is heightened by the emphasis on supporting youth in sustainable agricultural practices, which is essential for modernizing rural economies and improving livelihoods.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The current title, " Participation and Challenges of Agpreneurs in Agribusiness Ventures ," is clear but could be improved for clarity and engagement. "Agpreneurs" is a term that may not be immediately familiar to all readers, and the title could be made more descriptive. A suggested alternative title could be: " Youth Participation and Challenges in Rural Agribusiness: A Study of Agripreneurs in Haryana, India " This title emphasizes the focus on youth, rural development, and the specific region of the study, making it more precise and appealing to a broader audience.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is fairly comprehensive as it highlights the main focus of the study, such as youth participation in agribusiness, motivations, and challenges faced by agripreneurs. However, a few points could be added or refined for better clarity and completeness: Suggested Additions: 1. Methodology Overview: Briefly mention the research methods used, such as the interview-based data collection and the sample size (60 agripreneurs). This would provide a clearer understanding of how the data was gathered. 2. Key Findings: The abstract mentions challenges, but it would benefit from a more specific mention of the major results, such as the most common challenges (e.g., certification issues, lack of access to loans, and low confidence). 3. Implications and Recommendations: Add a sentence about the significance of the findings for policymakers or practitioners, emphasizing the potential solutions or interventions suggested by the study. Suggested Deletions/Refinements: 1. Redundancy: The phrase "Agribusiness plays a pivotal role in rural development by generating income and creating employment opportunities" could be condensed or omitted, as the rest of the abstract already conveys the importance of agribusiness.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The subsections and structure of the manuscript seem appropriate, but there is room for improvement in terms of organization and clarity. Here's a breakdown of the current structure, based on the provided content, and some suggestions for refinement: Current Subsections: 1. Abstract: Comprehensive and provides a good overview. 2. Introduction: Clearly outlines the background, significance, and research gap, which is appropriate. 3. Methodology: Explains the study's setting and sampling process. 4. Results and Discussion: Presents key findings in relation to experience, motivational factors, involvement in agribusiness, and challenges.	

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	<p>5. Conclusion: Summarizes key findings and suggests implications.</p> <p>6. Tables and Figures: Well-integrated to support the data analysis.</p> <p>7. References: Appropriate for citing relevant studies.</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The manuscript appears to be scientifically robust and technically sound as it follows a clear methodological framework, including purposive sampling and structured interviews, which are appropriate for exploring the experiences and challenges of agripreneurs. The use of a well-defined sample from multiple districts ensures that the findings are representative of the population being studied. Additionally, the integration of relevant literature and data analysis supports the validity of the results. The manuscript also presents key statistical insights, making the research findings credible and applicable to real-world contexts, particularly in the field of rural agribusiness development.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>:-</p>	<p>The references listed in the manuscript seem relevant and sufficiently cover foundational topics related to rural agribusiness, youth participation, and challenges in entrepreneurship. However, there are a few areas where the reference list could be strengthened:</p> <p>Observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recency: While some references are recent, a few seem outdated, such as those from 2005 and 2009. Given the fast-evolving nature of agribusiness, more recent sources from the past 5-6 years would enhance the manuscript's credibility, especially when discussing modern technologies and current challenges in agribusiness. Missing Key Themes: The manuscript touches on modern agricultural technologies (e.g., digital agriculture and climate-smart practices), but it would benefit from citing recent studies or reports on these specific technologies and their role in agribusiness. <p>Suggested Additional References:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On Digital Agriculture and Climate-Smart Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The Role of Digital Tools in Transforming Agriculture for Small Farmers" (FAO, 2020) "Climate-Smart Agriculture: Global Action Plan 2022" (World Bank) On Youth and Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Youth Employment in Agribusiness: Challenges and Opportunities" (International Labour Organization, 2021) "Harnessing Agripreneurship for Rural Youth Employment" (IFAD, 2020) <p>Incorporating these additional, more recent sources will provide a stronger grounding for the manuscript's discussion of innovations and challenges in rural agribusiness.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally clear and suitable for scholarly communication. However, there are a few areas where minor revisions could improve readability and flow:</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar and Sentence Structure: Some sentences are lengthy and could benefit from being split into shorter, more concise sentences to improve clarity. For instance, in the abstract, the sentence "However despite its significance rural youth often face obstacles such as limited access to resources market linkages and relevant skills" could be revised to: "Despite its significance, rural youth often face obstacles, including limited access to resources, market linkages, and relevant skills." Punctuation: There are a few missing commas and other punctuation marks that could help improve the readability. For example, adding commas after introductory phrases (e.g., "However," "Specifically,") will enhance the flow. Scholarly Tone: In a few places, the tone could be made more formal. For instance, "well-developed entrepreneurial skills" could be rephrased as "highly developed entrepreneurial competencies" for a more academic tone. <p>Overall, the manuscript is written at a good academic level but would benefit from minor grammatical and stylistic refinements to ensure it aligns perfectly with scholarly communication standards.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

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	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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