Preface

Agriculture is customarily castigated as the Achilles’ heel of Indian economy. It is however rarely recognised that this sector has a lot of potential yet to be tapped just as a chained elephant. This sector has gone through ups and downs ever since the country awakened the twilight of independence. Various events marred its way providing both positive and negative impetus. Among them, the first significant break was the spreading of the Green Revolution belt in the early seventies. More recently the global crises during the last year of the first decade of the new century have some influence at the performance of Indian agriculture.

The study attempts to analyse the agrarian scenario of selected states in India. The existing approaches are based on some parametric approach for measuring growth and efficiency in Indian agriculture. The present study tries to establish some non-parametric approaches for measuring performance of Indian agriculture which have some welfare implication.

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