

## MARKET CENTERS LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT IN LATUR DISTRICT

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Moreover, to the regional development planning have to think the existing distribution of market centres. Thus, the study of market centres in the study region plays a vital role in providing services to villages. And this services are partly moveable and partly fixed. Mobile traders, is a common and unique feature of markets, who meet a particular market centres. In that place number of buyers and sellers gather with certain hopes and intentions as well as where the price offered and paid by each is affected by the decisions of others. (Belshaw, 1965).

**Study Area-**Latur district is one of the most important districts in Marathwada region of Maharashtra state. Latur district lies between 18° 15' to 19° 15' North latitudes and 73° 25' to 77° 25' East longitudes. Latur district covered an area of 7157 Sq.Kms. It is located on Deccan Plateau region & in the south eastern part of Maharashtra state. The district is situated on Maharashtra Karnataka Boundary. Before 1982 Latur district was a part of Osmanabad district. On 15<sup>th</sup> August 1982 Latur district was separated from Osmanabad district with five tahsils, these are Latur, Nilanga, Ausa, Udgir & Ahmedpur. Now there are ten tahsils, five tahsils are new emerged after 15 August 1982. They are Deoni, Jalkot, Shirur Anantpal, Chakur & Renapur.

**Objectives -**1) To study the association of market centers in regional development. 2) To study the development of market centers represent development and their growth.

**Date Base and Methodology-** The data for the present study is secondary obtained from various published and unpublished records of Latur district. The computed market centers levels of development have been chosen for each tahsils with the assistance of fourteen selected socio-economic variables.

Following formula is used for calculate the market centers levels of development

$$CDI = \frac{P_i}{PI} \times 100 \text{-----I}$$

Where,

CDI = The co-efficient of development for variable

P<sub>i</sub> = Percentage of variables 'I' in the unit

PI = Mean percentage of variables 'I' in the study region.

The composite index reflecting the composite effects of indicators enumerated above, the following equation is chosen to develop of composite index.

$$CID = \frac{CDI^1 + CDI^2 + CDI^3 \text{-----} CDI^n}{N}$$

Where,

CID = is composite index of development

N = is the number of variables

**Levels of Development-**So far as the development of a region is concerned there are various ways to assess it. To comprehend the relationship between the levels of development and distribution of market centres within a study region, the computed levels of development have been chosen for each tahsil with the assistance of selected socio-economic variables. To determine the levels of development the following variables are taken in view.

- i) Percentage of above BPL household to total house holds.
- ii) Percentage of urban population to total population.
- iii) Percentage of general literacy.
- iv) Percentage of net sown area to Geographical area.
- v) Percentage of irrigated area to net sown area.
- vi) Percentage of using telephone facilities to total population.
- vii) Percentage of villages having post offices.
- viii) Percentage of villages having bank facilities.
- ix) Percentage of engaged Population in secondary and tertiary activities to total population.
- x) Percentage of villages having Hospital facilities
- xi) Percentage of villages having veterinary hospital facilities.
- xii) Percentage of co-operative agricultural society facilities to total population.
- xiii) Percentage of cable connections to total population.
- xiv) Percentage of market centres to total villages.

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