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CHAPTER FIVE

Women Entrepreneurship in the Rural Environment

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5.1. Introduction

Women represent 50percent of the world population but they are receiving only 10percent of the world income and 1percent of worlds assets. Women shoulders the burden of the worlds poverty. This poverty level is worsen than that men as clear gender disparities in education , decision making power, society regulations and employment opportunities while women constitute half of worlds population . They have been deprived for too long from participating in the opportunities and benefits of economic growth and globalization.

Rural entrepreneurship is considered as one of the most important factors contributing to the economic development of the rural society promotion of entrepreneurship among rural women is a major step to increase women participation in rural and economic development. Rural entrepreneurship is today buzzword in the changing rural economy. It is purposeful activity initiating, promoting and maintaining economic growth. Rural entrepreneurship is not new to our culture. What it needs today is to nurture this spirit and instil it in the present and coming generations of both men and women. It is said that if a man starts a business venture he only becomes the entrepreneur, while when a women takes to entrepreneurship the whole family becomes entrepreneurial in its behaviour and outlook. Therefore, if women gain economic strength, they gain visibility and voice. With the economic restructuring and societal acceptance in the modern days, women have started establishing and running enterprises successfully.