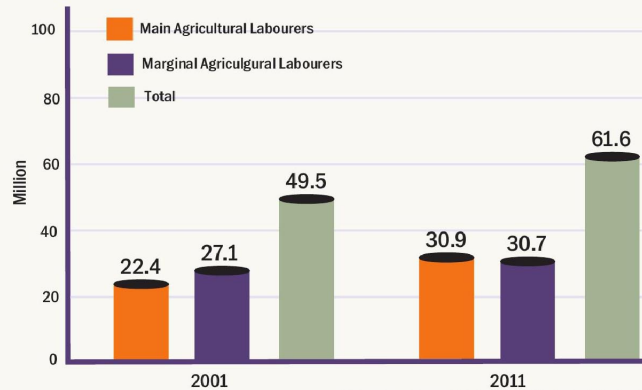


INFACT

THE CRISIS OF INDIAN WOMEN FARMERS

Nearly 98 million Indian women have agricultural jobs, but almost 63% of the mere agricultural labourers, dependent on the farms of others, according to 2011 Census data. Yet, in discussions of agriculture and farming, women rarely count. But women, as *Khabar Lahariya* reporters frequently find, plough fields, sow seeds and harvest crops – and run their households with little or no help from men, although women own only small quantities of farm land, according to a report by the National Commission of Women. Female farmers are particularly vulnerable, then, to agricultural decline. There has been an increase of 38% and 13% from 2001, respectively, in women as main and marginal agricultural labourers from being cultivators.



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