RURAL MARKETING RESEARCH

Marketing Research is a formalized means of obtaining Information to be used in making marketing decisions

Market research


## Primary Sources

$>$ Retail shops/STD booths
$>$ Tea Stalls
>Playgrounds/schools
$>$ Chaupals (meeting point old/middle aged/ influential)

## Secondary Sources

$>$ Haats \& Melas
$>$ Government website
$>$ Influence Group
$>$ Private bodies (market research
advertising agencies
Indian Market Research Bureau
Thompson Rural Index
Guide to Rural Markets
$>$ Publications

## OBJECTIVES

- Rural market research objectives must be clear in the mind of the researcher which would help him to carry the research forward.
- The objectives must be clearly defined, short and to the point.


## TYPES OF RURAL STUDIES

- 4 As of rural marketing.
- U \& A or KAP
- Feasibility
- Mapping distribution, promotion and communication channels.


# POINTS TO REMEMBER 

FOR

## RURAL MARKETING RESEARCH

## Remember ...

$>$ Build Rapport - ***
$>$ Greet - need to be informal
$>$ Speak local language
>Do not jump to survey -speak of other matters of interest
$>$ Gradually lead to the objective of the interview
$>$ Explain the benefit of the survey - how it will gain
$>$ Interviewer should be aware of the rural area
$>$ Never make the respondent uneasy if he offers tea do not refuse

## PRIMARY DATA COLLECTION METHODS

- PRA
- FGD
- Measurement and scaling methods.
- Questionnaire designing
- Sampling


## FEATURES OF A GOOD RESEARCHER

- Mindset.
- Effective communication.
- Discerning ability.
- Good memory.
- Patience.


## LIMITATIONS

- Low literacy levels.
- Poor media exposure.
- Local language communication.
- Scattered and remote villages, inaccessible roads.
- Social taboos, difficulty in interacting with women respondents.
- Interview timing.
- Rule out revalidation of data.


