

Problems Faced by the Small and Marginal Cardamom Cultivators during COVID19 related Lockdown: A Case Study of Rajakkad Panchayat, Kerala

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The study examines the problems faced by cardamom cultivators during COVID19 lockdown. Qualitative methods were adopted for the study. Rajakkad Grama panchayat, located in the Idukki district of Kerala, is chosen as the study area. Primary data for this study was collected from small and marginal cardamom cultivators, traders, drying centre operators, through in-depth telephonic interview. Main themes examined in the research are problems faced by cultivators related to production and marketing. Cultivators reported a shortage of labour, non-functioning of drying centres, low price for produce and lack of vendors as affecting their livelihood.