

Institute Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting under Farmers' FIRST Project held at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur on 23.8.2017

An Institute Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting under Farmers FIRST Project was held at ICAR-CAZRI on 23.8.2017 11.00 A.M. under the chairmanship of Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur.

In the beginning Dr. Bhagwan Singh, CO-PI of the project welcomed the participants of the meeting. Dr. Vijay Avinashilingam, N.A. PI and Member Secretary, IAC briefed the participants about the project modalities and evaluation through different committees constituted as per the guidelines and further made a detailed presentation about the various modules undertaken in this project, after which a general discussion was held to provide guidance for planning, project implementation and reporting of the ongoing project. The suggestions and recommendations were as follows.

The chairman mentioned that in IFS module, along with their existing farming system the component which we intervene should enhance the resilience of arid eco system economically and profitably. He also emphasized to utilize the institute strength and integration of previous research work of CAZRI to improve the quality of project output. In his concluding remarks he stressed the project team to focus more on farmers' innovations while implementing project modules.

Dr. S.K.Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur advised to present the minimum and maximum yield data in demonstrations also suggested to mention the comparative data in yield parameters with reference to traditional practices. In his further remarks, he stressed upon entire package of practices rather restricting to critical inputs.

Dr. R.K.Bhatt, Head, Division – III underlined the importance of crop components compared to perennial fruit trees because of its immediate short term visibility in rainfed arid farming system. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Head, Division – II laid stress on to bring IFS module more prominent among the partner farmers of Popawas Panchayat. Dr. B.K. Mathur, Head, Division - IV made a point to include solar animal feed cooker in participatory mode for cooking animal feed among the dairy farmers.

Some members desired to compare primary data with secondary data to have comparative analysis. It was also advised to conduct on farm training on different modules based on farmers' feedback.

Besides the above members, Dr. Dilip Jain, Head, Division – V, Dr. J.P.Singh, Head I/c, Division – I, Dr. R.S.Tripathi, Nodal Scientist, AINP (VPM)-Rodent, Dr. Uree Choudhary, Line Department Official, Dr. P.R. Meghwal, CO- PI , Dr. N.K. Jat, Co-PI were also present in the meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to chair by Dr. PratibhaTewari, Head, Division – VI.