

Minutes of the Extension Officers Meeting of RSRS, Ranchi and its nested units held at Deoghar, Jharkhand on 28.6.2014

The first Extension Officers' Meeting of RSRS, Ranchi & its nested units for the year 2014-15 was held at Deoghar, Jharkhand on 28.06.2014 under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Nirmal Kumar, Director, CSR&TI, Berhampore.

Dr. S. K. Mukhopadhyay, Scientist-D, Extension & Publicity Division, CSR&TI, Berhampore welcomed the Director, Scientists from the RSRS, Ranchi and its nested units, as well as, Scientists from CSR&TI, Berhampore to the meeting and requested all concerned to take active part for successful implementation of several ambitious ToT programmes like IVLP.

In his introductory remarks, Chairman stressed upon the intensive and holistic extension activities for sustenance of sericulture in this non traditional state of Jharkhand. He also reminded that IVLP is one of the best media to prove worthiness of the tested technologies and for this a meticulous planning is required for successful implementation. Status of plantation is to be improved as well as the quantum of harvest so that the stakeholders get convinced of good return.

Later on agenda wise discussion was taken up

Item No. I. Confirmation of the minutes of the EOM held on 21.12.2013.

As no comments were received from the participants the minutes was confirmed.

Item No. II. Follow up of Decisions taken on the meeting held on 21.12.2013 at RSRS, Ranchi.

1. With regard to furnishal of list of farmers, it was decided to submit the complete list of farmers with all relevant details positively within 31.07.2014.

[Action: All unit in charges]

2. Technical Assistants should be deputed for training in soil testing at the Institute by July 2014 in consultation with Sc- D (Mori.).

[Action: Scientist-D (Mori.) & Scientist-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

3. While reviewing the crop performance, it was decided that all details is to be indicated in the reports, viz., combination, quantum of dfls, range of yield, crop failures, if any with suitable justification.

[Action: All unit in charges]

4. With regard to submission of concluded report, as soil analysis data appears mismatched and appear too low, it was decided to hand over a copy of the report to the Institute detailing findings, conclusion and future plan of action. It was decided to demonstrate the application of NPK to compensate the low NPK value.

[Action: Scientist-D, RSRS, Ranchi, Scientist-D, REC(SU), Bhandra]

5. For maintenance of tree plantation, it should be with 5'x5' with 5' crown height. Leaf yield data is to be assessed in comparison to the yield data with that of Institute data having same spacing and is to be communicated by 31.07.2014.

[Action: Scientist-D (Mori.) & Scientist-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

6. It was decided that copies of all the Brochures/Pamphlets/Books/Booklets published by the RSRS Ranchi/nested units is to be sent to the Institute for record purpose.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

7. Directory of farmers is to be published with the assistance of DoS, Jharkhand and should be submitted by 31.08.2014.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

Item No. III. Review of the extension activities of the Units.

1. While reviewing the activities it was observed that there are same discrepancies in data pertaining to yield etc and it was decided that;

a) While submitting the data to the Institute periodically, it should be thoroughly checked and the responsibility for collection of data is to be entrusted to each Tech. Asst.

[Action: All unit in charges]

b) Under ECP, with regard to Sensitization of stakeholders, it should be duly classified as Seri farmers/new farmers etc. to avoid confusion.

[Action: All unit in charges]

- c) Actual plantation RSRS, Ranchi/REC (SU) Bhandra is to be assessed for rearing purpose.
[Action: All unit in charges]
- d) Low yield/crop failure should be assessed scientifically and reasons for deficiency are to be sorted out. Classification of the farmers is to be made based on the yield and low performers should be given extra push for improvement.
[Action: All unit in charges]
2. REC (SU), Bhandra may work as Mulberry seed multiplication centre for C-1730. Based on actual requirement, detail programme for preparation of saplings/cuttings is to be chalked out in consultation with Scientist-D (Mori).
[Action: Sc-D, RSRS, Ranchi, Sc-D (Mori) & Sc.-D, REC (SU), Bhandra]
3. While preparing saplings, mixing of cuttings of S-1635 & S-1 should not be done. For this, during pruning, S-1635 is to be taken up first followed by S-1 or vice versa. In the previous year 20,000 saplings that were supplied is to be tracked and get the list of beneficiaries for record.
[Action: Sc.-D, REC (SU), Bhandra]

Item No. IV Review of on going Research Projects/ Programmes:

Progress of the ongoing research projects and programmes including collaborative projects with the Institute were reviewed and found satisfactory.

1. With regard to implementation of CSS- 2107 it was observed that only powdery mildew is prevalent and below the ETL. The concerned Scientists were advised to record the disease incidence data and relate with meteorological factors.
2. Under AICEM trends may be highlighted, RSRS, Ranchi should indicate the performance data of the mulberry varieties in detail in the progress report.
3. With regard to Low input soils it is to be quantified in terms of NPK.
[Action: Sc-D, RSRS, Ranchi, Sc-D (Mori) & Sc.-D, REC (SU), Bhandra]
4. RSRS, Ranchi/REC (SU), Bhandra has already conducted the validation of the research outcomes of the programme B-RNC (P) and B-RNC (VP)-007. The technology validations need to be popularized in the field. The concerned Scientists should draw Action Plan and popularize the technologies/recommendations immediately in the field. The technologies/recommendations should be popularized 100% at the farmer's level.
[Action: Dr.G.S.Singh, Sc.-D, REC (SU), Bhandra & Dr.Ch.S. Babu,Sc-D, RSRS, Ranchi]
No new research project was proposed.

Item No. V Implementation ToT Programmes:

1. Institute Village linkage programme: Detailed discussion was held for implementation of IVLP under RSRS, Ranchi and its nested units. It was decided that it will be implemented with involvement of stakeholders under RSRS Ranchi (10 nos), REC Gumla (30 nos) and REC (SU) Bhandra (30 nos.). In RSRS 10 farmers should be monitored by the two scientists, 5 farmers each. Meticulous planning to be made including the requirement of dfls and inputs. Locations were already identified and the list of farmers is to be submitted by 15.07.2014, in consultation with DoS. As dfls are being supplied by the DoS free of cost, so season indent is to be worked out immediately and submitted to the DoS under intimation to the Institute.
[Action: All unit in charges]
2. Pre-Authorization Trial of Silkworm Hybrids: Action plan for preauthorization of silkworm hybrids was discussed. It will be implemented by REC, Gumla and REC (SU), Bhandra. 1000 BV hybrids and 1000 MxB will be reared with the involvement of 20 farmers (10 in each) in two centers during Autumn and Spring seasons during 2014-15.
[Action: Sc-D, RSRS, Ranchi, REC, Gumla and REC (SU), Bhandra]

3. Technology of foliar spray with KCl will be taken up in 30 farmers' field; 10 in each centre will be taken up for water stress management.

[Action: REC, Gumla and REC (SU), Bhandra]

General points:-

1. Cost of production of 1 kg of B x B and M x B is to be worked out and submitted to the Institute by 31.07.2014. Comparative economics of cash crops of the region vis-à-vis sericulture is to be worked out.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

2. Regular updating of particulars ISDS trainees is to be done on regular basis to avoid last hour rush.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

3. Purchase of pump is to be expedited. 1 KV UPS may be procured for the LCD projector.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

4. Process of condemnation of old vehicles of RSRS Ranchi and REC Gumla is to be accelerated. Sr. Mechanic from the Institute may be deputed by 31.07.2014 for execution of the process.

[Action: Sc.-D, Extn & Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

5. All concerned should analyze the data properly before presentation in review meetings.

[Action: Sc.-D, Extn. & all unit in charges]

6. RSRS, Ranchi should regularly monitor the Extension activities of the nested units and ensure the submission of reports to the Institute within the stipulated time frame.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

7. Meeting schedule for the year 2014-15 in respect of RSRS, Ranchi and its nested units is to be worked out in consultation of the Nodal Officer and it is to be communicated to the Institute.

[Action: Sc.-D, PMCE & Sc.-D, RSRS, Ranchi]

Chairman appreciated the efforts and advised all scientists to have a critical scientific analysis of results of high/low performers; their deficiencies so that more emphasis is to be given to upgrade their status. He also emphatic on the documentation of success stories and advised all concerned to work in close of the coordination with the DoS.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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DIRECTOR
CSR&TI, Berhampore.

List of Participants:

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2. Dr. A. K. Saha, Sc- D, CSR&TI, Berhampore.
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6. Dr. Ch. Sudhakar Babu, Sc-D, RSRS, Ranchi.
7. Dr. G.S. Singh, Sc-D, REC (SU), Bhandra.
8. Dr. R. Kumar, Sc-C, REC, Gumla.
9. Dr. M. Alam, Sc-C, RSRS, Ranchi.