

XXIII ICAR Regional Committee Meeting-IV organized

XXIII ICAR Regional Committee Meeting –IV was organized at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna during 26-27th Aug, 2016. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi. Other dignitaries from ICAR Headquarter including AS& FA, DARE/ICAR, DDGs, Governing body members, DG, UPCAR, Vice Chancellors, ADGs, Directors and scientists of various ICAR institutes, Dean and Director of SAUs, State Dept. Officials of Bihar, Jharkhand and UP participated in the meeting.



Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR inaugurated the meeting. He emphasized that there is a lot of potential in Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for agricultural development which needs to be harnessed with concerted efforts of scientists and development departments. The Chairman stressed that there is an urgent need to infuse the newer agricultural technologies for improving the productivity in these states. He exhorted the scientists and officials to pay maximum attention to the needs of the small farmers by improving the process of



location specific technological interventions and initiatives for timely transfer of technology. Dr. Mohapatra also said that the technologies of disease forecasting and new tests for disease diagnosis can be offered in the field, research on the conservation of local breeds and varieties of different crops needs to be carried out. He also

emphasized on effective planning to help two fold increase of farmer's income within 2022 in order to fulfill the vision of India.

Dr. J.S. Sindhu, DDG, Crop Science and Nodal Officer of the regional committee emphasized that Bihar and Jharkhand have vast potential in growing pulses and vegetables but some constraints like fragmented land, water logging condition, soil degradation, natural calamities like flood, drought, non-availability of quality seed, green fodder and poor marketing are hindering the growth of agricultural production.

Shri Vijoy Prakash, IAS, APC, Govt of Bihar, also discussed the problems of agriculture production in Bihar. He further said that research should be focused more millets, oilseeds, pulses and on small animals like goat, rabbits, pig and rodents etc. for the improvement of livelihood of small farmers of Bihar and Jharkhand.

In the technical session, the various issues regarding agriculture, horticulture, mechanization, livestock, fisheries and education were discussed.

On this occasion, six publications of IVRI, Izatnagar, ATARI Kanpur, IGFRI, Jhansi, ICAR-RCER, Patna and BAU, Ranchi were also released by the chief guest and other dignitaries.



The meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Shiv Prasad Kimothi, ADG (Coordination), ICAR.