

Field Visits on Vermi-Compost Unit of Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh

Date: 13th December, 2024

Venue: Village Samlehari, District Ambala.

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran visited the farm of Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh, a progressive farmer of Village Samlehari, District Ambala on 13th December, 2024. Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh owns a vermin-compost unit and engaged in organic/natural farming on his land from last 5-6 years.

Ajay Pratap Singh has been doing organic farming on his land since 4-5 years. His motive behind switching to chemical free farming was to produce healthier food and to reduce the environmental impact of the agricultural industry. He started vermin-compost production unit three years ago, named as “Red Gold Vermi-compost” for which he also took training from K.V.K. Tepla, Ambala. He started the production unit with only 2 beds and today it has reached to 90 beds. Around 8-10 women farmers from his village are his associates in this work. He cultivates organic wheat, paddy, gram, urad, lentils, jaggery, sugar and mustard. Most of his compost is used in apple orchards of Himachal Pradesh. Presently his turnover is 7-8 lakh rupees annually. Hard work and dedication is behind the success of his unit. He provides manure to the farmers at reasonable prices. Inspiring from Mr. Ajay Pratap, other farmers of his village are taking interest in vermin-composting. Many farmers have established vermin-compost units in backyard of their houses and are producing vermin-compost successfully. According to his suggestion, there is a need for support from the government like subsidy in machinery, storage, packaging, sieving and loan facility, etc.

Dr. Chauhan appreciated Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh for the efforts made by him in the field of vermin-composting. He emphasised that environmental friendly agriculture that increase oxygen levels, reduce air pollution and improve soil health are needed to produce fresh and healthy food, as well as inculcate motivation to continue farming. Pradhikaran is always committed in promoting such progressive farmers.

