

Working Group Discusses Roadmap to Promote Kharif Oilseeds and Pulses in Haryana

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A meeting of the Working Group on Promotion of Kharif Oilseeds and Pulses in Haryana, constituted by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), was held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Mahendergarh on August 31, 2026. The meeting focused on promoting crop diversification in southern Haryana, particularly through increased cultivation of moong, sesame and other Kharif oilseed and pulse crops.



The meeting was attended by Dr. Ramesh Kumar Yadav, Former-Director HRM, CCS HAU, Hisar and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) and Chairperson of the Working Group. Members and Experts, including Dr. Satyajeet, Dr. Sanjay Yadav, Dr. Ashok Kumar Dehinwal, Shri Ravi, Dr. N. K. Yadav, Coordinator KVK Mahendergarh and Dr. Rajpal Yadav, DES (Soil Science) also participated in the deliberations.

The members discussed the present status, challenges and opportunities for increasing the area and productivity of Kharif pulses and oilseeds in the state. Particular emphasis was laid on the potential of moong and sesame in southern Haryana, where diversification can help reduce dependence on water-intensive crops and contribute towards better soil and water management. The Working Group stressed that strengthening the oilseed and pulse sector would not only support crop diversification and sustainable agriculture, but also improve productivity, farm income and farmers' livelihoods. The members agreed on the need for a coordinated strategy involving the Agriculture Department, research institutions, KVKs and other stakeholders to create a comprehensive roadmap for the promotion of these crops in Haryana.



Sh. Rajpal Beniwal, Chairman, Executive Committee, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), attended the meeting and emphasized the need to give a new direction to crop diversification in Haryana by promoting suitable alternative crops, particularly pulses and oilseeds. He

highlighted that increasing the area under such crops can help farmers diversify their cropping pattern, improve resource-use efficiency and strengthen farm incomes.

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, HKKP, stressed on the importance of developing practical, region-specific strategies for promotion of Kharif pulses and oilseeds. He observed that farmers need assured market support, quality seed, appropriate technology and institutional support to adopt alternative crops on a larger scale. He also emphasized that the recommendations of the Working Group should be practical, farmer-oriented and capable of being implemented at the field level. Smt. Vandana, Nodal Officer, Working Group on Promotion of Kharif Oilseeds and Pulses, HKKP, participated in the deliberations and presented the Pradhikaran's perspective on Pradhikaran motive to constitute this Working Group.

The meeting was convened by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran as part of its initiative to develop practical and sustainable strategies for strengthening Kharif oilseeds and pulses in the state.

