

Working Group on Promotion of Seed Production for Cereal and Forage Crops Holds First Meeting

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The first meeting of the Working Group on Promotion of Seed Production for Cereal and Forage Crops in Haryana, constituted by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), was held at CCS HAU, Hisar. The meeting was chaired by Prof. B. R. Kamboj, Vice-Chancellor, CCS HAU, Hisar. The meeting was attended by Dr. Virender Singh Mor and Dr. Davender Singh, from Department of Seed Science and Technology, Dr. Rupender Kumar, District Extension Specialist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rohtak and Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Progressive Farmer, VPO Indri, District Karnal, Haryana, along with other farmers.



The Working Group deliberated on strategies for strengthening seed production of cereal and forage crops, improving productivity and ensuring the availability of quality seeds to farmers at reasonable prices. Discussions also focused on enhancing the seed production system in the State in a manner that can contribute to improved farm productivity and increased income and livelihoods of farmers. The members discussed the importance of strengthening the seed production chain, quality assurance, availability of suitable varieties and accessibility of quality seed to farmers.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor (VC) highlighted that seed production remains a critical issue, specifically noting the ongoing challenges with hybrid seeds and securing good quality seeds for minor crops. To address these challenges, the discussion focused on the initiative "Mera apna beej, Swasth beej", aiming to bring doorstep seed treatment directly to the village level. The proposed strategy involves shifting the seed plant infrastructure directly to farmers as a sustainable business model, which includes providing farmer training and supporting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to generate seeds. Additionally, the meeting touched upon consulting ICAR seed production experts, identifying seed-specific geographic areas and standardizing operational processes by framing proformas, maintaining seed producer lists and creating cluster seed operations with formal certification facilities across five-village centers. Ultimately, the attendees emphasized that a complete pipeline moving from production to marketing is necessary, explicitly calling for government marketing support to ensure success.



Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran and Ms. Vandana, Nodal Officer of the Working Group, were also present during the meeting. Dr. Chauhan emphasized the need for a strong, efficient and farmer-oriented seed production system to ensure timely availability of quality seeds and strengthen the agricultural sector in Haryana.