Interface Meeting on “Operationalization of District Level Contingency Plans in Bihar” organized

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Central Research Institute for Dry Land Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad in collaboration of ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna organized an interface meeting related to “Operationalization of District Level Contingency Plans in Bihar”, on 26th June, 2014 at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. The purpose of meeting was to discuss action plan related to district level contingency plan for Kharif 2014 in Bihar and its operationalization. The meeting was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Shri Narendra Singh, Hon’ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Bihar. Hon’ble minister appreciated the efforts of ICAR for conducting such important meeting in Bihar for Kharif 2014. Sri Singh urged that there is urgent need for short and medium duration of rice seed to combat drought. He also advised scientists to prepare contingency plan for at least for next 3-4 years. A technical bulletin on Contingency Measures for Deficit Rainfall Districts in South Bihar was also released by the Chief Guest on this occasion.

Dr A.K. Sikka, DDG (NRM & Extension), ICAR stressed upon convergence of watershed development and water conservation programme with on-going govt schemes like MGNREGA etc for effective utilization. Dr Sikka informed that in Bihar, NICAR project is operational in six KVKs to address issues related to climate resilience agriculture. He further informed that ICAR will organize capacity building programmes on water management for officials of state agricultural department.

Shri Amrit Lal Meena, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar advised their officials to provide necessary inputs and their active participation for the preparation of district level action plan for Kharif 2014.

Dr. (Mrs.) M. Maheshwari, Director, CRIDA briefed the house about district contingency plans to meet different monsoon scenarios.

Presentations on Monsoon situation in Bihar 2014, District Level Contingency Plans-Strategy for Implementation and Real Time Implementation of Contingency Measures were also made by Dr. V.U.M. Rao, PC (Agromet), CRIDA, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Principal Scientist, CRIDA and Dr. Ch. Srinivasarao, PC (AICRPDA), CRIDA, respectively.

Earlier, Dr B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna welcomed the Chief Guest and delegates. In his introductory remark, Dr Bhatt stressed upon effective utilization of ground water in Bihar and also informed that ICAR Research Complex for Eastern
Region, Patna has imparted six trainings on watershed and water management during current year for the state officials.
More than hundred officials of Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar, KVKs, Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Directorate of Rice Development, Scientists of ICAR institutes participated in the meeting.

Dr Ujjwal Kumar, Pr Scientist, ICAR- RCER, Patna proposed vote of thanks for the meeting.
(Source: ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna)