

## Interface meeting on “Documentation of technologies and development of road map for livestock and poultry sectors in Eastern region”

An interface meeting on “Documentation of technologies and development of road map for livestock and poultry sectors in Eastern region” was convened on December 19, 2016, under the chairmanship of Dr. H. Rahman, DDG, Animal Science, ICAR, New Delhi at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, for ushering livestock productivity and to bring out state specific recommendations for Eastern region. The meeting was attended by Prof. Purnendu Biswas, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal University of Animal and Fisheries Sciences, West Bengal, Dr. R.C. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Bihar, and Prof. S. Pasupalak, Vice-Chancellor, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Odisha.

Shri R.P. Singh, ICAR Governing Body member, who also attended the meeting, threw light on the scenario of livestock and poultry sectors of Eastern region in the meeting.



Apart from this, the experts who participated from across the country were Dr. R. Bhatta, Director, NIANP, Bangalore, Dr. P.K. Ghosh, Director, IGFRI, Jhansi, Dr. B.S. Prakash, ADG (AN&P), Dr. Ashok Kumar, ADG (AH), Dr. Vineet Bhasin and Dr. Rajan Gupta, Principal Scientists, ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. H.R. Khanna, Assistant Commissioner (Animal Health), DADF, Govt. of India, Dr. D.K. Singh Dron, Director of Research and Dr. M.P. Sinha, Professor, Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Dr. M.K. Padhi, Head, CARI Regional Station, Bhubaneswar, Dr. T.K. Dutta, Head, NDRI Regional Station, West Bengal, Dr. S. Samantray, Principal, Bihar Veterinary College, Patna, Dr. Suresh Das, Principal Scientist, IVRI Regional Station, West Bengal and other scientists from ICAR and State Agriculture Universities.

Dr. Rahman highlighted the initiatives undertaken by ICAR for the development and strengthening the livestock and poultry sectors for improving livelihood of particularly small and marginal farmers in the region. He also mentioned that an improved pig variety, *Jharsuk* and a poultry variety, *Jharsim* have been released by ICAR for meeting the demand for improved germplasm of the region. He also assured all technical support to the state agricultural universities and state animal husbandry and veterinary departments in their endeavours for doubling the income of the farmers.



The role of ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, in bringing out improved technologies was deliberated by Dr. Amitava Dey, Head, Division of Livestock and Fishery Management, and he assured that the institute would continue to strive hard in future also for upliftment of livestock farmers in the Eastern region.

The deliberation in the meeting was primarily centred around improving productivity of different species of livestock and poultry reared by farmers in the Eastern region. The challenges confronted in the Eastern region in augmenting the productivity, and the possible solutions available with ICAR and SAUs with the technologies developed by these institutions were discussed.

Need based interventions in animal breeding, animal nutrition especially in fodder productivity, and different animal health components were deliberated in the meeting. Developing adequate infrastructure in creating germplasm centres, promoting suitable indigenous breed for sustainable development, propagating green fodder which is suitable for different agro-ecological zones, strategies to make improved fodder seeds available to livestock farmers and planning for bringing more livestock population under immunization were discussed elaborately.

The action plans finalized with respect to each state in the Eastern region would be sent to the concerned departments for follow-up actions.