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Annexure - IV

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITH SPONSOR SUPPORT

Apart from undertaking Educational Programmes every year for school / college students, adults and senior citizens with budgetary provisions of Bahishal Shikshan Mandal of Savitribai Phule Pune Vidyapeeth, the Institute with the support of sponsor implemented following programmes.

- 1) On 21st September 2013 in association with College of Agriculture, Pune (MPKV Rahuri Dist. Ahmednagar) the Institute arranged "Maharashtra Krishi Nirdhar Parishad" in the premises of College of Horticulture, Pune to discuss strategies for the next 5 years for Dry land Agriculture and small and marginal farmers of Maharashtra. This Parishad was sponsored by Dhanuka Agritech Limited and Sholapur Janata Sahakari Bank, Sholapur. 50 Scientists in Agriculture from all over Maharashtra attended the Parishad and deliberated on the topic and suggested ways and means to be adopted in dry land farming. Jalyukta Shivar and Shet-tali were recommended in the Parishad which has been implemented by the State Government. Apart from this, drip irrigation, change in cropping pattern, plantation of horticulture crops were some of the recommendations. The Institute spread this message of the Parishad subsequently throughout Maharashtra. Jawar and Tur cultivation by drip irrigation is one such example.



- 2) The Institute in association with Agriculture Dept. Maharashtra Govt. Ranjangaon Ganapati Deosthan Trust and Baburao Daundkar Smarak Samiti, Shirur organised one day seminar for farmers of Shirur Taluka in the premises of

Ranjangaon Deosthan Trust. This seminar was attended by 150 farmers and Scientists from State Govt., Professors from Agriculture College and reputed farmers from Shirur Taluka addressed the gathering and guided them on water conservation practices, plantation crops, medicinal crops etc. Prof. M. C. Varshneya, Dr. K. T. Galande, Shri. Temgire spoke on the occasion.



- 3) On carrying out survey of 6 villages of Shirur Taluka, Karanjwane village was selected for adoption for its overall development during next 10 years. The problems of the villagers were identified and prioritised. Since non availability of drinking water from January to May-June every year was the basic problem, it was decided to desilt the village pond (percolation tank) which was constructed by the State Govt. in the draught of 1972. Accordingly, a proposal was sent to Dist. Collector, Pune and CEO Z.P., Pune in April-May 2013 for an amount of Rs. 11 lakh. A sum of Rs. 6,43,792/- was sanctioned by Z.P., Pune for the purpose. Pending receipt of money from State Govt. the members of IRDE contributed Rs. 1,75,000/- and started the work. Desilting was done. Rest of the work is in progress.



- 4) Propaganda for Jowar and Tur cultivation with Drip Irrigation is done during 2014-15 and 2015-16 with the help of Agriculture Dept. of the State Govt. officials, by the members of IRDE by spending their own money on transport, lodging and boarding. Apart from that a sum of Rs. 20,000/- was given by the Institute to the

local supervisors who use to visit the fields of the farmers on regular basis during the cultivation season to supervise the adoption of cultivation practices recommended by the IRDE.

- 5) Distribution of Soil Health Card Project was implemented during the period April to June 2015 in association with Zooari Agrochemicals. Soil testing was done by them at a concessional rate of Rs. 50/- per sample and soil health card distribution. programme was organised by IRDE on sharing of expenditure by Zooari Agro Chemicals, IRDE and Kisan Sangh, Shirur.
- 6) The Book titled “India’s Perspective Policy On Agriculture” was published with the financial / infrastructural support of Navsari, Anand and Junagadh Agriculture Universities Gujarat, Adani Infrastructure, Gujarat and Uttan Krishi Sanshodan Kendra, Thane.

