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CICR Scientists promptly visited to Pink Bollworm Affected Areas of Yavatmal

As noticed through newspapers & media CICR Scientists Dr Vishlesh Nagrare, Dr V. China Babu Naik and Technician Shri Bhausahab Naikwadi promptly visited pink bollworm affected area of Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal (Maharashtra) on 26.9.2017 & apprised the farmers the strategy for controlling pink bollworm.



Survey team discusses the issue of pesticide poisoning in Yavatmal

A team comprising of four scientists of CICR Nagpur had joint visit with officials from Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidhyapeeth, Akola; Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Yavatmal; Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal; Agriculture department, Govt. of Maharashtra. Total 19 members were in joint survey team. The survey team discussed the issue of insecticide poisoning with Shri Madan Yerrawar, Guardian Minister, Yavatmal.



Interaction with Shri Madan Yerrawar, Guardian Minister, Yavatmal on 28.09.2017

The survey team visited and enquired about the condition of admitted patients from Dr. Ashok Rathod, Dean, Vasantnao Naik Government Medical College and Hospital, Yavatmal (NVGMCH). Upon inquiry, patients revealed that they did not take any precautionary measures while spraying. From the discussions with Dr. Sandip Patil and Dr. Chetan Janbade of VNGMCH who were treating the patients, the team came to know that majority of the poisoning cases were due to inhalation and skin contact of insecticides.



The survey team also participated in a meeting convened under the chairmanship of Shri Kishor Tiwari, Chairman, Vasantnao Naik Shetakari Swavlamban Mission at Revenue Bhawan, Office of the District Magistrate, Yavatmal. The meeting was attended by Shri Madan Yerrawar, Guardian Minister, Yavatmal; Vice President of Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal; Secretary, Department of Health; District Magistrate, Yavatmal; Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal and all the members of survey team. The issue of insecticide poisoning to farmers/ farm laborers' was discussed. It was instructed that the related machineries at district level such as Zilla Parishad, Agri Department, Health Department, etc. should work in coordination to handle the issue and also take initiatives regarding creating awareness about safety measures, making available antidotes as first aid for insecticide poisoning at primary health care centers at village levels.



The team also visited families of two poisoning cases one in Kalamb and another in Ghatnji taluka of Yavatmal district and consoled family members.

Hingna cluster MGMT scientists team Surveyed pest status in location

The scientists team from ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. Dipak Nagrale, Scientist (Plant Pathology), Dr. H. B. Santosh, Scientist (Plant Breeding), Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Scientist (Agri. Biotechnology) and Dr. Savitha Santosh, Scientist (Agri. Microbiology) visited the adopted *villages (Mangli, Nandakhurad, Junewani, Salaimenda and Ukhadi)* and adjoining cotton fields of Hingna cluster under CICR – *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (MGMG)* programme on 23rd September 2017 to interact with farmers and to monitor the insect and diseases in the cluster. The scientists interacted with the farmers regarding the condition of crops in general and cotton in particular. Earlier in the season, Bt cotton (*G. hirsutum*) hybrid H-8 BG II seeds were provided to tribal farmers of the cluster. Scientists discussed with the farmers in detail about good agricultural practices as well as management of diseases and pests with integrated pest management. The team also visited H-8 BG II cotton fields to monitor the crop condition and pest status. The condition of crop was very good and the insect pests were below the ETL level. However, very minor incidence of bacterial blight, *Alternaria* blight, *Myrothecium* leaf spot were observed in





some fields. Sporadic incidence of tobacco streak virus (TSV) was observed during survey on other BG II hybrids in some of the farmer's fields.

Meetings attended

Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur attended a meeting with ADG (CC), at ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 28.9.2017 in connection with the finalization of EFC Document of the Institute.



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