

## Interaction of Hon'ble Prime Minister with farmers of Rajasthan

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India interacted with farmers of arid zone of Rajasthan through video conferencing at Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) Jodhpur on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018. More than 120 farmers including farm women from Rajasthan had opportunity to listen to experiences of farmers from various parts of country during live interaction with Prime Minister. Farmers shared how adoption of new technologies and Government schemes helped them to increase the productivity of crops and commodities and in



improving their income and livelihood. The technological interventions mentioned by farmers included efficient use of water, diversification of agriculture, value addition of agricultural products, use of improved planting material, use of solar driers etc. The capacity building through skilled development was specifically mentioned by farmers as useful intervention to enhance their skills. Smt. Vimla Siyag, a progressive farm woman of Boranada village of Jodhpur district shared her experience in arid fruit production technologies especially on grafted Ber (variety Gola and Sev) and Goonda etc. and post harvest technology of fruit and vegetables.

Shri Gowardhan Singh, a progressive farmer of Pali-Marwar district shared his innovativeness in pomegranate production technology.



Farmers, after interaction session, also visited technology block of institute farm in which they showed keen interest in dairy management, solar farming and improved cultivation practices in horticultural crops.