

Farmers' participatory quality seed production training

An orientation cum one-day awareness on campus training programme on “Farmers Participatory Seed Production” was organized by Division of TOT and Training, ICAR-CAZRI on 11.6.2020 at seed house, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur. CAZRI kisan mitra along with other farmers were invited to participate in the programme. The programme was chaired by Dr. PratibhaTewari, H.D. VI. in presence of scientists and farmers while maintaining the social distancing. She emphasized the need to produce quality seeds by farmers to earn enhanced incomes and bridge the gap of quality seed availability. Dr. R.K. Kakani, Principal Scientist and PI, Mega Seed Project discussed that the programme was aimed to create awareness among the participants and various steps involved in seed production like maintaining isolation distance, avoiding of mechanical mixture, growing of true to type seed etc. Dr. R.K.Solanki, Senior Scientist, explained the importance of quality seed production for ensuring financial security for arid farmers. Dr. Vijay Avinashilingam, N.A. Principal Scientist coordinated the programme and also explained about the self-sufficient, sustainable, participatory quality seed production concept in important field crops at farmers level with proper monitoring and inspection. At the end of the training about 104 kgs of moong (MH-421) foundation seed was provided to 6 farmers for an area of 12 ha. for seed production in four villages of Jodhpur district. Due to the prevailing pandemic special arrangements have been made by the institute during this training and has taken enough preventive measures to contain corona spread such as maintaining physical distance between people, keeping a distance of six feet from one another and avoid gathering of large groups as well as the instructions issued by ICAR and Govt. of India in containing Covid-19.

