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Extent of Scientific Temperament of Pulse Growers towards Cluster Demonstration in Rewa District M.P., India

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ABSTRACT

Agricultural innovations and diffusion of new technologies are key drivers to achieve food security in the country besides providing farmers a competitive edge over traditional farming, thus facilitating better standards of living. In this context, cluster demonstrations is a novel approach to provide direct interface between scientists and farmers in planning, execution & monitoring phases of the demonstrations. Indian council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has launched Cluster Demonstrations Programme on pulse and oilseed crops in the year 2015-2016. The KVKs are the real carriers of frontline technologies and impart knowledge and critical input support for the famers. The present study was carried out with the aims to know the extent of scientific temperament of pulse growers towards cluster demonstration during 2017-18 in the 6 villages of Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh. A total 120 pulse growers were selected randomly as respondents. The data collection was done by the use of interview schedule personal interview. The finding of the study depict that majority of the pulse growers (44.17 %) had low scientific temperament level and in practice wise scientific temperament the mean score was found highest in summer time of sowing (1.46) followed by use of improved variety of pulses.

Keywords

Cluster demonstration, Scientific temperament, Pulse growers, Krishi Vigyan Kendra

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Introduction

Pulses are an important commodity group of crops that provide high quality protein complementing cereal proteins for predominantly substantial vegetarian population of our country. Being the largest producer of pulses, India accounts for 33% of the world area and 22% of the world production of pulses. In India, Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer of pulses followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Indian Council of Agriculture Research initiated Front Line Demonstrations on pulses & oilseed crops in the year 1990-1991. This programme was conducted by Krishi Vegan Kendra and showed a great impact on enhancement of yield potential of pulse crops. Realising the importance of such type of technology dissemination programme, through Cluster approach, Indian council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has launched Cluster Demonstrations Programme on pulse and oilseed crops in the year 2015-2016. In context to Rewa district, pulses being

predominant crops, occupy an area of 0.7443 lakh ha. with production 109.70 mt. tonnes. With a view to enhance the area and productivity of pulses several initiatives has been undertaken by the Madhya Pradesh state government. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rewa has also been conducting cluster demonstrations since 2015-2016 on major pulses crops of the region.

KVKs are grass root level organizations meant for application of technology through assessment, refinement and demonstration of proven technologies under different micro farming situations in a district the main objective of cluster demonstration is to show the worth or value of the technology. One of the major objectives of these demonstrations is to inculcate desired scientific temperament of the farming community.

Materials and Methods

The present study was carried out during 2017-18 in the Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh. Krishi Vigyan Kendra Rewa has been conducting cluster demonstration on pulses since 2015-2016. These demonstrations have been carried out in four blocks of Rewa district viz. Rewa, Naigarhi, Sirmour, and Raipur Karchulian. Out of which Rewa block

was selected purposively. A list of villages was obtained from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Rewa where Cluster demonstration has been carried out and six villages were selected on the basis of maximum no. of pulse growers. Total 120 respondents were selected randomly from all selected villages. Respondents were interviewed through personal interview. For the data collection well designed and pre-tested interview scheduled were used.

In the present study, extent of scientific temperament refers to the knowledge about recommended practices and new techniques used in cultivation of pulse crop. For measuring extent of knowledge of the beneficiaries, a list of logical practices recommended for pulses crop was prepared. Krishi Vigyan Kendra Rewa has conducted cluster demonstration on green gram, pigeon pea, and lentil. Hence only these crops were considered in the study.

Results and Discussion

The table 1 shows that out of total respondents, 44.17 per cent had low scientific temperament level, followed by 31.67 per cent had medium and only 24.16 per cent had high scientific temperament of cluster demonstration.

Table.1 Distribution of respondents according to their scientific temperament

S. N.	Extent of scientific temperament	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Low(up to 18 score)	53	44.17
2.	Medium(19 to 26 score)	38	31.67
3.	High(above 26 score)	29	24.16
Total		120	100.00

Table.2 Practice wise scientific temperament of pulse grower (N=120)

S. N.	Statement	Level of scientific temperament			Total score	Mean Score	Rank
		Complete	Partial	Incomplete			
1	Selection of land	55	35	30	145	1.20	IV
2	Summer sowing time	68	40	12	176	1.46	I
3	Use of improved varieties	64	42	14	170	1.41	II
4	Appropriate seed rate	58	47	15	163	1.35	III
5	Seed treatment	51	41	28	143	1.19	V
6	Plant distance	35	42	43	112	0.93	XI
7	Manure & fertilizers	44	51	25	139	1.15	VI
8	Weed management	43	48	27	134	1.11	VII
9	Insect & pest management	41	40	39	122	1.01	IX
10	Disease management	38	42	40	118	0.98	X
11	Harvesting & threshing	43	46	31	132	1.10	VIII

Table 2 reveals practice wise scientific temperament of pulse growers towards cluster demonstration. It is clear that the mean score was highest in summer time of sowing (1.46) followed by use of improved variety (1.41), appropriate seed rate (1.35), selection of land (1.20), seed treatment (1.19), manure & fertilizer management (1.15), weed management (1.11), harvesting & threshing (1.10), insect and pest management (1.01) and lowest mean score was disease management (0.98).

Majority of respondents (44.17 %) had low scientific temperament level followed by (31.67 %) had medium and only (24.16 %) had high scientific temperament of cluster demonstration respectively.

Practice wise mean score was highest in summer time of sowing (1.46) followed by use of improved variety (1.41), appropriate seed rate (1.35), selection of land (1.20), seed treatment (1.19), manure & fertilizer management (1.15), weed management (1.11), harvesting & threshing (1.10), insect & pest management (1.01) and lowest mean score was disease management (0.98).

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