

## Stakeholders Meeting for Participatory Project on Sub-surface Drainage System

A stakeholders meeting including representatives of Haryana Operational Pilot Project (HOPP), ICAR-CSSRI Scientists and beneficiary farmers of Kathura village, Sonapat District was held at HOPP Workshop, Lakhan Majra, Gohana on 15/09/2020. The purpose of the meeting was to convince the beneficiary farmers and finalize the participatory model while improving the functional efficiency of Sub-Surface Drainage (SSD) sites through proper pumping/drainage of waterlogged saline soils under the ambit of Farmer First Project (FFP), ICAR-CSSRI, Karnal. For this, a preliminary survey of SSD project sites at village Kathura, Gohana was done along with HOPP personnel on 11/09/2020. There are 9 blocks in all; 4 are partially operational, 2 are non-functional and remaining 3 are still left where SSD is to be installed. Of which, 2 two non-functional blocks (Block no. 21 and 22) were selected for the FFP project activities with the objective of making them fully functional in participatory mode along with the demonstration of other suitable interventions. The crop performance in these blocks was very poor due to high salinity stress. During the discussion, Dr. Parvender Sheoran, PI, FFP briefed about project activities and shared the participatory model options for proper functioning of SSD sites. A participatory pumping model on 50:50 sharing (CSSRI : Farmer's Society) basis was finalized for meeting out the working expenditure for desirable pumping. It was also finalized that the beneficiary farmers would also deposit their 50% share in the respective SSD society account and this would be used for recurring expenses periodically. Dr. Satyendra Kumar and Dr. Kailash Prajapat, Co-PIs FFP, and Dr. OP Godara, Deputy Project Director, Sh. Naresh Kumar, Mrs. Monika and Er. Gupta from HOPP were also present during the discussion.

