

Training on the Use of Fertilizer Recommendation Guide-2005 held at BARC

A three-day training program on the “Use of Fertilizer Recommendation Guide-2005” was organized by Natural Resources Management (NRM) Division, BARC during 2-4 November 2009 at the Training Complex of the BARC. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan, Member-Director (NRM), BARC. Dr. Sk. Ghulam Hussain, Member-Director (P & E) and Acting Executive Chairman of BARC was present as chief guest and Mr. Md. Syed Ali, Director General, DAE as the special guest. The scientists of BARC were also present on the occasion. It may be mentioned that 30 participants from different NARS institutes and DAE attended the training program.

It was mentioned in the inaugural session that fertilizers’ contribution in crop production is about 50-60% and on the other hand it is a very costly input. So, to make crop production profitable judicious application of fertilizers is essential. Balanced application of fertilizer is also important for maintaining soil fertility. Use of organic manures and green manuring were also emphasized to maintain/improve soil health. The speakers called upon the trainees to play an active role to refrain the farmers from using adulterated and low quality fertilizers. They asked the participants to train up the farmers on how they themselves can identify the adulterated fertilizers. The trainees were also asked to make the farmers conscious about the use of sulphur and micronutrients like zinc, boron etc., the deficiency of which often cause drastic yield reduction. On the whole the speakers urged the trainees to undertake the challenges of the Govt. to achieve self sufficiency and food security of the country.