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National Workshop On Reclaiming Research in Livestock Development through Policy Interventions (26-27, April 2011)

Over the years, research has generated a vast number of outputs aimed to help the livestock owners realise higher income through increased production, productivity and health care. These outputs in the form of technologies, (relevant) knowledge and (improved) practices – TKP, in short – have been exploited by only a few livestock owners, that too often the resource-rich. The resource-poor livestock smallholders whose livelihoods depend to a substantial extent on the livestock are unable to take advantage of these TKPs for a variety of reasons. One of the important reasons is lack of enabling policy environment and institutional arrangements that would facilitate TKPs delivery, uptake and application. This could be attributed to various reasons like:

- limited awareness of relevant research findings among the policy makers,
- limited influence of research on policy due to the constraints of researchers in communicating the findings, and,
- notion among the researchers that generation of research outputs is the end of their endeavour, rather than socio-economic impact.

Irrespective of the reasons, the result is that good research outputs stand short of application and stimulating necessary policy interventions. Researchers, policy makers and extension professionals very often operate in isolation and the consequence is that the policies are incongruous with the factors influencing the application of TKP. It is very well recognised that the livestock owners will be in a better position to absorb the TKP, if appropriate supportive policy frameworks exist. To cite an example, a policy that all the artificial insemination centres must be open in morning and evening on all the days can increase the coverage and conception rate significantly.

Inaugural Session

11.00 – 12.30 Hrs, Tuesday, 26th April 2011,
Studio-2, Electronic Media Production Centre,
IGNOU, New Delhi -110068

Technical & Valedictory Sessions

12.30 – 17.30 Hrs, Tuesday, 26 April 2011 &
10.00 - 17.30 Hrs, Wednesday, 27th April 2011,
Hall No 5, Convention Centre, IGNOU,
New Delhi -110068

About the Workshop

This workshop provides a platform for all livestock research and development professionals who have sound evidence on TKP to interact and identify appropriate policy support required. This workshop will allow a critical analysis of the TKP packages generated by research to showcase the role of policy in the uptake of these TKPs. The idea is neither to discuss the technologies nor to highlight the constraints, but to focus only on favourable policy interventions that will enhance their uptake.

Expected Outcome

The expected outcome of this exercise is communicating a set of suggested policy and institutional interventions to Planning Commission, Central and State Governments to enhance the delivery and uptake of TKPs that can help livestock development.

Submission of Papers

It is an open invitation to all those engaged in livestock research and development in India irrespective of their affiliation. The papers have to be sent in the following format on or before **November 30th 2010 to Prof. S.V.N. Rao, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension, Rajiv Gandhi College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Puducherry - 605009 (India).**

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1. Name of the author (s):
2. Address (complete with e-mail id and phone numbers):
3. Title and duration of the project/research/ thesis work:
4. Funding agency and fund utilised:
5. Research output(s) in not more than 300 words

(such as knowledge, practices, innovation processes and technologies):

6. Evidence of uptake of the research outputs or evidence of constraints in uptake:
7. Policy intervention(s) required based on the above output:
8. List of relevant publications:

Sponsorship

The authors of the short listed papers from India will be invited with full sponsorship to present their papers in a two-day workshop to be held during 26 - 27, April 2011 at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.

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