

Farmers Field Visit

A meeting was organized on dated 15/07/2017 with farmers of Balisara village of Bandhapari GP of Lanjigarh Block in kalahandi district. Total 11 farmers, 3 staffs, CRP of Janasahajya and, AdityaPratap Singh Deo, Programme Officers WASSAN participated in the meeting cum field visit programme.

At first Programme Officer discussed about new scheme Millet Mission Odisha launched by Odisha government and, its future planning. After that, he discussed with farmers about their cropping pattern and crop diversity.

Discussion about finger millet nursery bed preparation

Bed should be 3 fit width, 10 fit length and 9-12 inches above from ground level. 2 beds will be sufficient for an acre of land. Farmer always try to prefer locally available seed. Around 400 grams of seed required for an acre of land under SMI method of transplantation.

During seed sowing, it should be mixed with sand and, then uniformly distributed in nursery bed. Apply thin layer of FYM on the bed after seed sowing. Preparation of nursery bed should be in shady place for protection from birds and heavy rain. Application of *Amrutapani* on nursery bed is useful within the 3 days after seed sowing.



After discussion, all the farmers were visited to see nursery bed prepared by Sadhu Majhi. They observed nursery bed and, discussed with the farmer about bed preparation and seed sowing. In this field, farmer saw three days seedling. The seed bed was cover by a mosquito net for protection from bird, chicks etc.

After that, another nursery bed prepared for demonstration purpose in Sadhu Majhi's land with the involvement of some farmer along with CRP. After the filed visit by farmer, total 8 farmers were shown their keen interest in preparation

of seed bed. Nursery bed of those farmers will be developed within two days.