

Tour Report of Shri Jitendra Kumar, Assistant Director (Oilseeds), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation to monitor MM-I of NMOOP in the State of Uttar Pradesh from 13.07.2015 to 15.07.2015.

A visit was undertaken in District Jhansi and Lalitpur for assessment of crop coverage under oilseeds and implementation of NMOOP. JDA Jhansi was directed by State Head Quarter to accompany me during the field visit, but **neither** he accompany nor deputed any officer from his office. However, two contractual TAs of NFSM deputed by DDA Jhansi accompany me in the field visit. The information collected from Division / District Head Quarter and field visit under taken, is summarized as under:-

Mandal level:

All three districts i.e. Jalaun, Jhansi, Lalipur are covered under MM-I of NMOOP. Groundnut, sesamum and soybean are grown in the Jhansi Mandal. As against the area coverage of 217944 hectares under oilseeds during kharif 2014, targets of 227586 ha. oilseeds has been fixed for kharif 2015. The crop-wise area coverage during kharif 2014 and targets for kharif 2015 is as under:-

| Crop | District-wise area coverage, 2014 and targets 2015(kharif oilseeds) | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------------------|--------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|
| | Jalaun | | Jhansi | | Lalitpur | | Mandal | |
| | 2014 | 2015 (Targets) | 2014 | 2015 (Targets) | 2014 | 2015 (Targets) | 2014 | 2015 (Targets) |
| Sesamum | 35353 | 37965 | 83502 | 89670 | 6594 | 7081 | 125449 | 134716 |
| Groundnut | 17 | 17 | 30159 | 30434 | 10706 | 10804 | 40882 | 41255 |
| Soyabean | 25 | 25 | 1407 | 1407 | 50181 | 50183 | 51613 | 51615 |
| Total | 35395 | 38007 | 115068 | 121511 | 67481 | 68068 | 217944 | 227586 |

2. Field Visit in Jhansi-13th July, 2015

2.1 Status of scheme implementation, district and crop-wise targets of area, production and yield, area coverage under kharif oilseeds, rainfall position, availability of inputs including minikits distribution were discussed with DDA Jhansi and major observations are as under:

2.2 Sesamum is the major oilseed crop in the district. As against the area coverage of oilseeds 1,15,068 ha. during 2014, target of 1,21,511 ha. has been allocated to the district for kharif, 2015 and responsibility has been assigned to the Panchayat Level Officers for achieving the targets. The Block and crop-wise targets of oilseeds are given below:-

| Sr. No. | Name of Block | Groundnut | Soybean (Ha.) | Sesamum (Ha.) | Total |
|---------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Badagaon | 4534 | 75 | 11000 | 15609 |
| 2 | Babina | 14700 | 75 | 11000 | 25775 |
| 3 | Month | 600 | 450 | 11000 | 12050 |
| 4 | Chirgaon | 1200 | 350 | 11400 | 12950 |
| 5 | Mauranipur | 3000 | 150 | 11400 | 14550 |
| 6 | Bangra | 2200 | 75 | 11470 | 13745 |
| 7 | Gursaroi | 2100 | 157 | 11400 | 13657 |
| 8 | Bamour | 2100 | 75 | 11000 | 13175 |
| | Total | 30434 | 1407 | 89670 | 121511 |

2.3 To encourage sesamum cultivation, State Government has extended a additional subsidy of Rs. 88/- per kg. over and above the approved subsidy of Rs. 12/- per kg. under NMOOP. Area coverage of 55300 ha. was sown up to 13th July, 2015. Sowings were in full swing and targeted area is likely to be achieved by the district in view of good rain fall received during the week.

2.4 The farmers informed that the seed of Sekhar variety (released during 2001) has only been supplied to them and balance amount of subsidy of demonstration will be transferred to their bank account by the government. The field Staff/officer was not aware about the cafeteria of interventions approved under AAP of the State.

2.5 Seeds Minikits of sesamum were received by the district well before the commencement of sowing.

2.6 Non availability of improved farm implements was a major concern among the farmers.

3. Field Visit of Lalitpur district-14th and 15th July, 2015

3.1 Status of scheme implementation, targets of area coverage for kharif oilseeds, rainfall position, input availability, demonstration and minikits programme were discussed with DDA lalitpur on 14th July, 2015.

3.2 Soybean is a major oilseed crop of Lalitpur. Groundnut and sesamum are also grown over a sizeable area. The crop-wise targets and area sown under oilseeds during curent kharif season as on 13.7.2015 is as under:-

(Area in hectare)

| Sr.No. | Crop | Targets (kharif,2015) | Area Coverage (kharif, 2015) | Achievements (%) |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Soyabean | 50183 | 18190 | 36 |
| 2 | Sesamum | 7081 | 6615 | 93 |
| 3 | Groundnut | 10804 | 7610 | 70 |
| | Total | 68068 | 32415 | 48 |
| | | | | (as on 13/7/2015) |

3.3 The crop-wise brief is given below:

Groundnut:- Area coverage during kharif, 2015 is 7610 hectare against the targeted area of 10804 ha. which is 70% of the targets. The targeted area is likely to be achieved. The crop condition is normal.

Sesamum:- Area coverage during kharif, 2015 is 6615 hectare against the targeted area of 7081 hectare 93%). Targeted area is likely to be achieved. The crop condition is normal.

Soybean:- Area coverage during kharif, 2015 is 18190 hectare against the targeted area of 50183 hectare 36%%). Targeted area is lower side due to less rain fall in the sowing time.

Availability of Input:- There was no major shortage of inputs like fertilizers, micronutrients, *weedicides*, insecticides and pesticides as per their requirement.

Bio-fertilizers:- As per requirement available.

Diseases and Pest:- No major incidences were reported.

3.4 The farmers have also confirmed the receipt of seed of Sekhar variety (released during 2001) of sesamum and said balance amount of subsidy of demonstration will be transferred to their bank account by the government. The field Staff was also not aware about the cafeteria of interventions approved under AAP of the State.

3.5 The farmers of Lalitpur district also showed their concern about non availability of improved farm implements in their areas.

4. **Action points:** The following observations may be conveyed to the State:-

4.1 Non – compliance of instructions of State Head Quarter by JDA, Jhansi.

4.2 Non availability of improved farm implements in the district

4.3 Lack of awareness and adoption of cafeteria of interventions under cluster demonstration of sesamum.
