MESSAGE

The demand of food grains for ever increasing population necessitates, inter alia, increasing the productivity and cropping intensity. Farm Mechanization, on the strength of timely and precise field operations, assumes the central stage in this expedition. In this herculean task of increasing the Farm Mechanization, NORTHERN REGION FARM MACHINERY TRAINING & TESTING INSTITUTE, HISAR has been playing a significant role since its inception. The hands-on training being offered by this Institute aims at promoting the judicious use of various Agricultural inputs, the testing of machinery as per Indian/International Test Codes, on the other hand, contributes substantially in identifying trust-worthy Machinery.

It is noted with great satisfaction that this Institute has trained 2183 numbers of trainees against the target of 1900 during 2015-16. Our social commitment is reflected from the fact that out of all trainees trained, approx 22% were from SC, 2.7% from ST & approx 36% from OBC categories. Not only this, as many as 108 numbers of Machinery have been tested by this Institute during 2015-16 against the target of 74. Although target has been met, but there is no room for any complacence till we achieve the ratio of farm power to cultivable unit area up to 2 kW/ha. Our duty is unequivocally spelt out in Atharv Ved.

"There should be a system in place to ensure that nobody on the planet of earth has to remain hungry and deprived of water."

Atharv Ved

In view of the above, we are committing ourselves to make every possible efforts to achieve even higher target of Training of 2600 trainees in a year and testing of 140 machinery per year. It may, of course, sound a too big challenge, but then, we take inspiration from following line of Mahabharat.

I hereby appeal to all the Farmers, Technicians, Departments of State Governments, NGOs to avail the benefits of Training facilities available at the Institute, I also appeal to Manufacturers/ Designers of Agricultural Implements, Research Organizations, State Agricultural Universities, State Agro Industries etc. to reap as much advantage as possible from the Testing facilities available at the Institute.

I call upon all my staff members to come together to enhance our efforts of serving our mother land.

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