



Sub: Visit to Anantapur district for piloting drought proofing practices

1. In the exercise of piloting of drought proofing practices, a visit was arranged to Anathapur district of Andhra Pradesh on 24th October, 2018. A discussion to this effect was held with Sri. H.Subba Raju, District Joint Collector-II in the Chamber of Joint Director of Agriculture, Anantapur District wherein District officials from Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal husbandry and concerned line departments of the districts were also participated.
2. It was observed that there is a water gap of 1801.85 MCM between total water demand (3783.85 MCM) and total existing water utilisation (1982 MCM). Hence the current drought proofing action plan is proposed to save at least 50% of water balance (i.e. 0.90 BCM) in the next 5 years.
3. Dr. M.K. Srivastava, Director (AH&F), emphasized that NRAA will perform as a knowledge platform and advocate policy formulation for rainfed areas. He also stressed that drought proofing practices should be prioritized mainly on integrated farming system and watershed based treatment approaches.
4. On consensus, 6 villages in 2 mandals namely Raptadu and Dharmavaram were identified for rolling out the action plan on pilot basis.
5. In, afternoon, the team visited two villages at Raptadu and Dharmavaram mandals to realize the field requirements and assessing the specific needs of farming community and had interactions with farmers for their feedback. Based on the input of farmers and field situation, a detailed work plan will be prepared for piloting the interventions in two mandals as two cluster.
6. Based on the deliberations following decisions were emerged:
 - a) Department of Agriculture, Anantapur District will facilitate and submit DPR after conducting household survey in 6 villages identified at 2 mandals namely Raptadu

and Dharmavaram (Before 20th November 2018). Further, they will suggest initial interventions that can be adopted in two clusters.

- b) Implementation of the programme will be done through consortium mode. The District Collector/CEO, Zila Parishad, will supervise and manage all the programmes through convergence. All the ADAs of line departments will be member of consortium.
- c) Additional / Complimentary / Innovative activities including customized skill development support may be incorporated under each intervention and may be mapped for funding from NRAA. Besides NRAA will be providing technical supervision and support for capacity building and training requirements in implementation of action plan.

At the end of the meeting, M.K. Srivastava, Director (AH&F), National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) thanked all the guests and participants.



