

## Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR Visits IISS, Mau

Dr. T. Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR visited the ICAR-Indian Institute of Seed Science, Mau on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. He was accompanied by Dr. J.S. Chauhan, ADG (Seed), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. B. Singh, Director, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi. During the visit Dr. Mohapatra visited the quality seed production and experimental plots of the ICAR-IISS, Mau. He also visited the various laboratories of the ICAR-IISS, Mau and was briefed on various research activities. In an interactive session with the staff of ICAR-IISS and NBAIM, Mau, Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Director ICAR-IISS, Mau elaborated upon the various research achievements and extension activities carried out by the institute in the region. Dr. A.K. Saxena, Director presented the activities of NBAIM, Mau. In his address Dr. Mohapatra exhorted the scientists to come out with holistic research programmes having high impact on farming community. Underpinning the importance of quality seed in country's food and nutritional security of the country, he stressed upon the need to devise programmes to further enhance the role of public sector in ensuring the quality seed availability in the country. Dr. Chauhan in his remarks called upon the scientists to intensify their efforts in solving farmers' problems. On the occasion, to commemorate the International Year of Pulses 2016, a technical bulletin on "Pulses : Quality Seed Production and Technologies Development" prepared by ICAR-IISS, Mau was also released by DG, ICAR.

