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**Review Meeting on Status of Soybean Breeder Seed Production during *Kharif*, 2020 held on  
26.08.2020 through Virtual Mode**

A review meeting on 'status of soybean breeder seed production during *Kharif*, 2020' was organized by ICAR-IISS, Mau through virtual platform on 26.08.2020 to assess the progress made by various soybean breeder seed production centres w.r.t. breeder seed production in soybean during *Kharif*, 2020, creation of infrastructure facilities (covered threshing floor & medium term cold storage facility) under Sub-Mission on Seed & Planting Material (SMSP) project sanctioned by DAC&FW and issues of non-lifting of breeder seeds during *Kharif*, 2020. The meeting was chaired by **Sh. Ashwini Kumar, Joint Secretary (Seed), DAC&FW** and co-chaired by **Dr. D.K. Yadava, Assistant Director General (Seed), ICAR and convened by Dr. Arvind Nath Singh, Director, ICAR-IISS, Mau**. The meeting was attended by Dr. Neetha Khandekar Director, ICAR-IISR, Indore, Dr. Laxmi Kant, Director, ICAR-VPKAS, Almora, Dr. Chandra Mohan, Assistant Commissioner (Seed), DAC&FW, Nodal Officers from soybean breeder seed production centres (SAUs and ICAR Institutes) and representatives from NSAI, State Department of Agriculture and SOPA.

Director, ICAR-IISS, Mau welcomed everyone and highlighted the importance of breeder seed in making available quality seed to farmers. He also pointed out the problems faced by ICAR in fulfilling the breeder seed indent in soybean in previous years. The overall progress report of soybean breeder seed production programme during *Kharif*, 2020 at various centres was presented by Dr. Sripathy K.V., Scientist, ICAR-IISS, Mau, latest status of breeder seed production during *Kharif*, 2020, issues of non-lifting during *Kharif*, 2020, progress made under SMSP project at various centres were highlighted upon.

Joint Secretary (Seed) and Assistant Director General (Seed) reviewed each centres w.r.t variety-wise breeder seed production targets allocated, area sown and present status of crop. Special attention was provided to three varieties viz. JS 20-98, JS 20-94 and JS 20-29 where in shortfalls are expected and centres involved in breeder seed production of these varieties were advised to take up contingency programme during Rabi for fulling indents. Assistant Director General (Seed) reviewed the status of non-lifting of breeder seed during *Kharif*, 2020. Non-lifting of breeder seed was discussed in detail involving indenting agencies and production centres. ADG (Seed) requested JS (Seed) to not to honour the indents of defaulters in future.

The meeting came to an end with formal vote of thanks by Director, ICAR-IISS, Mau.

