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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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With reference to the letter cited on the subject mentioned above, I am to furnish herewith the Weekly Report for the period ending 07-07-2017. This is for your kind information.

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DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

To

The Secretary to Govt. (Agriculture),
Chief Secretariat,
Puducherry.

**WEEKLY REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOR THE WEEK ENDING 07-07-2017**

1. Name of the Officer : Director of Agriculture,
Department of Agriculture,
Puducherry
2. Departments under the Charge of the Officer : Department of Agriculture

3. Field Visits undertaken

| Date of visit | Place of Visit | Time Spent & Highlights of the visit |
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| 06.07.2017 | Government Horticulture Farm, Madagadipet | The Director of Agriculture visited the Government Horticulture Farm and inspected the farm activities and Uzhavar Udhaviyagam |
| 03.07.2017 | Exposure visit of Students from PAJANCOA & RI to Sompel and Chettipet villages. | Exposure visit of 84 Nos. of 3 rd year students of PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal was conducted and the students visited the farmers fields and witnessed the cultivation of various flower crops viz., jasmine, Cock's comb, Button Rose etc., and discussed with the farmers about the marketing problems, opportunities of raising flower crop in Puducherry region (2 hours). |
| 05.07.2017 | Field Inspection carried out by Agricultural Officer (Uzhavar Udhaviyagam), Tirukkannur. | The Seed Farm field inspection was carried out along with Seed Certification Officer at Sorapet village. (1 ½ hours) |
| 05.07.2017 | Conduct of Farm School on Prawn culture to Neithal ATMA Group and other fish culture Farmers of T.R.Pattinam | The DPD(ATMA), DD (Fisheries) participated. 25 Nos. of Farmers took active participation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The first week programme –cum-inaugural session was held at Fisheries and Fisherman Welfare Department, Karaikal ✓ Thiru Md. Dasir Joint Director of Agriculture inaugurated the session. ✓ The programme organised by the Agricultural Officer (Uzhavar Udhaviyagam) TRPattinam, Extension Officer, Fisheries Department and BTM(Fisheries) ✓ Dr. T.Anand Asst Prof., Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam enlightened the farmers the selection of field for prawn culture ✓ Thiru. Manikandan, Asst. Prof (Basic Engg.), Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam detailed the farmers on the techniques to be followed during Pond preparation for prawn culture. ✓ Thiru. Vasantharajan, Teaching Assistant (Fishery science) Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapattinam explained the biology of Prawn. |

4. Review Meetings held

| Date | Department | Subject Matter |
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| 03-07-2017 | Meeting regarding desilting of ponds and lakes in the Conference Hall, Chief Secretariat | The Director of Agriculture attended the meeting on desilting of lakes and ponds. |
| 05-07-2017 | Review of field level functionaries on important issues of farmers. | <p>The Director of Agriculture chaired the meeting. Agricultural Officers of Uzhavar Udhaviyagams, the Deputy Directors of Agriculture were reviewed by the Director of Agriculture. POS machines proposed to be deployed by Government of India at the fertilizer dealers premises for direct transfer of fertilizer subsidy was highlighted and modus operandi explained by the State Co-ordinator Mr. Sanjeev, Ministry of Fertilisers and Chemicals, Government of India.</p> <p>The modalities for uploading e-forms of drought relief was explained by the DDA (Tech-II) besides the requirement of collection of additional particulars for issue of farmers ID cards (Smart Cards). The difficulties faced by the Sugarcane farmers, cart operators, small business establishments, agricultural labourers etc., at the factory site (Ariyur) due to non-operation of the sugar mill were discussed in view of the farmers on the proposal of diversion of cane area to Pondicherry Co-operative Sugar Mill were sought to be obtained by the field level functionaries.</p> |
| 06-07-2017 | Meeting on the conduct of training on Crop Cutting Experiments in the Directorate of Economics and Statistics | The Deputy Director of Agriculture (Info.) attended the preliminary meeting at the Directorate of Economics and Statistics to discuss about the conduct of Capacity Building Programmes to the Agricultural Officers and field level functionaries on the Crop Cutting Experiments for the use of mobile apps and other practical training. |
| 07-07-2017 | Review Meeting on District Irrigation Plan | The Director of Agriculture attended the Review Meeting on the District Irrigation Plan held in the Collectorate, Puducherry. |
| 06.07.2017 | The Research Extension Interface Meeting for the month of July was held at PAJANCOA&RI, Karaikal | The Joint Director of Agriculture, Deputy Director of Agriculture (Chem.) –cum – PG, KVK, SMS, KVK, Professors and AOs participated. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Joint Director of Agriculture presented the crop prospects report for the Karaikal District upto the 30th June 2017. ❖ It was informed that so far good rainfall received for this year but the distribution is not uniform. The weather forecast for the SWM will be normal ❖ As Cauvery water is not received so far and doubtful in the near future, the scientists recommended to go far summer ploughing using the rainfall and preparing for direct sowing of Samba crop and advocated the same to the farmers. ❖ Farm ponds should be desilted and kept ready for storage of rain water and informed to construct the new farm ponds wherever possible in view of gradual change of climate. ❖ Instead of Kuruvai, Ragi can be taken as alternate crop which is performing good in this Institution. ❖ The Prof. suggested the participation of BTMs of ATMA and informed about the benefits of the alternate farming Animal Husbandry, Fisheries etc., for increasing the income of the farmers. |
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New Initiatives : As an outcome through the motivational activities by the extension wing of the Department a farmer in Sorapet Revenue Village has resorted to cultivation of hibiscus (shoe flower) a herb of medicinal importance in an area of 1 hect. by diversification of the farming activities.

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