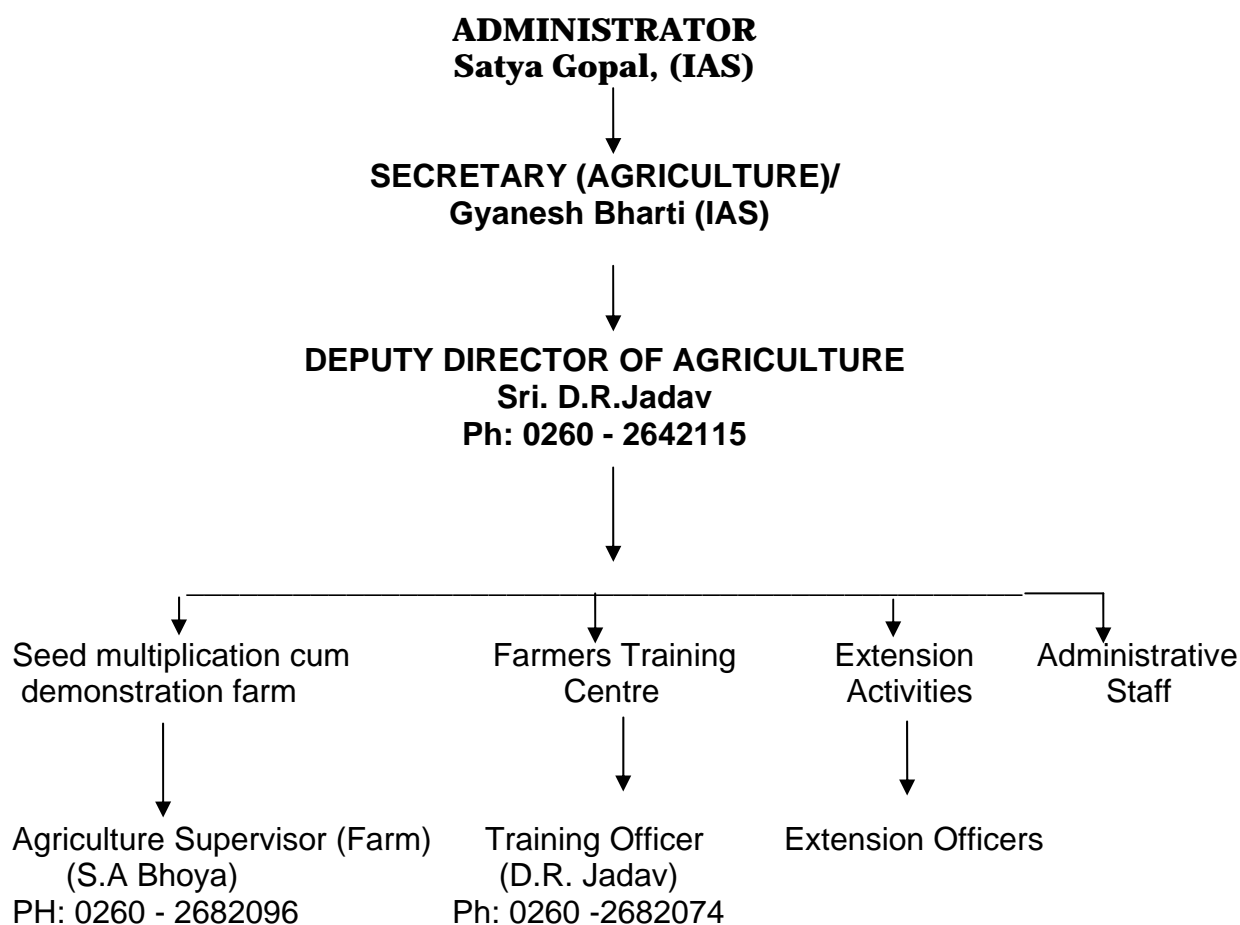


AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

AIM & OBJECTIVES.

- Rising agriculture production and productivity through wider adoption of appropriate eco-specific and cost effective technology.
- Bringing more area under high yielding hybrid and improved varieties of crops through & increased supply of quality and planting materials
- Increasing cropping intensity
- Intensifying of farmers training and conducting of demonstration of farmers in the villages.
- Farmers to be encouraged for Mechanization through the use of Agricultural Implements and Machineries.
- Sustainable agriculture through IPM, INM, Watershed and Organic cultivation to be emphasized and popularized.
- Infrastructure facilities of the existing government farms to be strengthened for the production of the quality seeds, planting materials and developing them as Model Demonstration Centres for the farmers.
- Emphasis would be given on crisis management in the natural calamities.
- Study tour and training for farmers and technical staff will be priority to upgrade their technical know-how and for which there is a Farmers Training Centre at Silvassa.
- Analysis of soil samples collected from the farmer's field to know the NPK content and micro nutrients for judicious use of fertilizers and to reduce the cost of cultivation is our priority for which Soil Testing Laboratory is available.

Organizational Structure:



SERVICES OFFERED

Developmental Activities:

The main responsibility of our department is for developing agriculture in the U.T. in a systematic and scientific line. Taking into consideration of the financial background of the farmers of this U.T. we are implementing the following schemes/activities for the up-liftment of the farming community:-

Our programme:

SC/ST, small and marginal farmers has been given due importance by providing them all necessary agricultural inputs and facilities. This has certainly helped to increase the production. However, there is a lack of co-operative movement in this U.T for which the Department will mainly focus for the effective and economic use of irrigation, marketing, credit and storage.

Schemes under Union Territory Budget:

Supply of improved seed to the SC/ST, Small & Marginal Farmers.

To replace the traditional varieties of Seed by giving them improved & High Yielding Varieties of Seeds there is provision to supply the Seeds at the rate of **50:50 loan** & subsidy basis. The benefit is given in kind by supplying improved/HYV of Seeds to SC/ST and Small and Marginal farmers. The entire quantity of Seeds is procured from the Govt. Agencies like National Seeds Corporation, Gujarat State Seeds Corporation & Agriculture University of Gujarat State.

Manure & Fertilizer:

There is provision for supply of chemical fertilizer & organic manure at the rate of 60:40 loan & subsidy basis to SC/ST and small & Marginal farmers as per the cropping pattern of different crops.

Scheme for supply of pesticides & Plant protection equipment:

Under this scheme SC/ST & small & marginal farmers are given pesticides & plant protection equipment at the rate of 50:50 on loan & subsidy basis. At present the existing ceiling limit for loan & subsidy for supply of pesticides per season is Rs.200/- for an individual farmers & for plant protection equipment id Rs.750/-.

Scheme for Grant of loan & subsidy for Supply of fruit grafts:

This is a scheme for supply of Fruit grafts to SC/ST & Small & Marginal farmers having land up to 2.00 Hect. upto the cost of Rs.500/-. The certified planting material procured from various Govt. Agencies & from Govt. Agriculture farm of Silvassa is supplied to the farmers at their door step.

Supply of Agriculture Implements, Storage Bins, Electric Motor and diesel Engine Pump-set to SC/ST, Small & Marginal farmers:

Under the scheme SC/ST, Small & Marginal farmers are granted loan and subsidy for purchase of diesel engine/electric motor pump set, PVC pipes, storage Bin and Agricultural implements on 50% loan. The subsidy for purchase of Electric Motor/Diesel Engine Pump-set and PVC pipes is given to the SC/ST & small & marginal farmers as per the different criteria of the scheme limited to unit cost of NABARD. Amount of Loan is provided through the lead banks whereas subsidy is granted by the department under this scheme. There is provision to grant 50 % subsidy to SC/ST farmers & 33 % to marginal & 25 % to small farmers.

There is also provision under scheme for supply of agriculture implements at the rate of 50:50 loan & subsidy basis upto the cost of Rs.500/-. There is also provision for supply of 20Kgs. Storage bin at the rate of 50:50 loan & subsidy basis limited to Rs.200/- for subsidy amount.

The storage bins is procured from the Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation (A Govt. of Gujarat under taking) & supplied to the farmers on loan & subsidy basis.

Farmers Training Centre:

Around 600 Farmers are trained every year. In the first three years of XIth five year plan, **1898 farmers** were given training. The study tour consisting of visit to Agriculture University and Research Centre are also organized every year for better exposure to farmers. The demonstrations plots are also laid at 70 nos. of places in the field of tribal farmers. The training on organic farming is also provided at FTC.

The Khedut Shibir/one day camp is organized at the different part of the territory at six places as a pre-Kharif & pre-Rabi campaign. The specialists from the Agriculture University, Krishi Vigyan Kendra & Department of Agriculture provide guidance to the farmers on cultivation of seasonal crops & control of pest and diseases.

Soil Testing:

Soil samples are tested free of cost. Every year 1000 soil samples are tested.

NEW INITIATIVE OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR MODERNIZATION OF GOVT. AGRICULTURAL FARM,

Establishment of poly house.

The Poly house has been set up over an area of 1008 Sq. M. to demonstrate and create awareness among farmers about cultivation of vegetables and floriculture crops under Controlled weather conditions. The Poly house will certainly help to motivate farmers to adopt modern technology in their own field.

Establishment of Net House.

In Net house and Hardening Unit, seedlings for vegetable and Floriculture are prepared for supplying to farmers at reasonable rates. It will be helpful for promotion of vegetable and floriculture cultivation in this U.T.

Installation of Drip Irrigation System.

Drip irrigation system is installed at both the Govt Agricultural farm for controlled irrigation for fruits and vegetables. It is also useful for irrigation of mother plants of Mango and Chicku to ensure healthy and vigorous grafts for distribution to farmers as per the plan scheme.

NEW PROGRAMMES:

National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

Looking to the potentiality of horticulture development in this U.T. & with a view to increase the area under Horticulture, the department has implemented the centrally sponsored programmed of National Horticulture Mission as “**Dadra & Nagar Haveli**

Horticulture Mission” which will cover almost all areas of horticulture like green house, poly house, organic farming, formation of Nurseries, Floriculture etc. The financial assistance will be provided to farmers as per norms of the National Horticulture Mission.

GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL

- This department is sensitized to redress grievances in a responsible and effective manner through the following.
- A grievances cell has been set up in the department as well as in the attached and subordinate offices in order to ensure speedy redressed of grievances received from the public and employees directly or through department of administrative reforms and public grievances.
- A complaint committee has been constituted to deal with complaints of sexual harassment of women employees in the department.

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