

RESEARCH NOTE

An analysis of monthly workshop of subject matter specialists conducted by Gujarat Agricultural University

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INTRODUCTION

The monthly workshop is the main venue of inservice training for Subject Matter Specialists (SMSs) of the T & V system and of regular contact between extension and research workers. The main purpose of two days workshop is to build up the technical skills of SMSs regularly in the field of their specialization, so they can meet effectively and actual technological needs of farmers. Monthly workshop provides an excellent opportunity for research scientists to come in contact with the SMSs, who are in close and frequent contact with the farmers.

The training and visit system was introduced in Gujarat State in 1979. About 12 years have passed since the introduction of the T & V system and therefore it was felt necessary to analysis the monthly workshop of the SMSs conducted by the G.A.U.

METHODOLOGY

The present study was conducted in Gujarat State in 1991. Monthly workshop in Gujarat is organised by the Gujarat Agricultural University at six places viz. Anand, Vadodara, Navsari, Rajkot, Junagadh and Sardar Krushinagar. All the

SMSs in Gujarat State were the population of study. In all, 93 SMSs were interviewed at the venue of monthly workshop.

FINDINGS

The findings of the study are presented as under :

1. A great majority (90.32 per cent) of the SMSs were of the view that seasonal condition was always reviewed.
2. Majority (62.36 per cent) of the respondents were of the opinion that previously recommended practices were always reviewed.
3. All most all SMSs(98 per cent) were bringing the field problems to the monthly workshop.
4. Most of the field problems were related to plant protection followed by crop production.
5. Majority (60.20 per cent) of the SMSs had expressed that the master trainers had offered colutions to the field problems.
6. About 60 per cent respondents were of the view that the progress of farm trials always reviewed.

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7. All respondents stated that formulation of message for next two fortnight and identification of impact points were done.
8. Only one-third of SMSs expressed that the MTs always taught production skills, and they practiced the production skill taught by the MTs.
9. A large majority (85 per cent) of the SMSs were satisfied for using the local language while delivering technical information in MWs.
10. About 60 per cent of the respondents stated that the two subjects namely crop production and plant protection included in the training at present are not sufficient.
11. Majority (58 per cent and 53.76 per cent) of respondents were of the view that the message delivered in the MWs were uptodate and complete in all respect.
12. To the extent of 91 per cent of SMSs had expressed that the messages delivered were applicable to field situation and about 96 per cent expressed that impact points identified were also very useful in meeting the field problems.
13. About two-third SMSs were of the opinion that visual aids used in MWs were partly appropriate.
14. Less than half (46.24 per cent) of the respondents expressed that the MWs were practical oriented.
15. Venue selected for Monthly Workshop was ideal (77.42 per cent) and physical and other infrastructural facilities for organizing MWs were expressed sufficiently by 68 per cent respondents.
16. Three-fourth of the SMSs were of the view that the present system of Monthly Workshop should remain continue whereas only one-fourth SMSs were of the view that it should be bi-monthly.
17. All the SMSs were of the opinion that agricultural production, productivity and socio-economic level of farmers have been improved due to the T & V system.

IMPLICATIONS

1. Practicals be arranged on topics dealt in theory to develop skills in subject matter specialists in operation of jobs.
2. The participants while bringing samples should bring related information for obtaining correct solution.
3. The MTs should be trained in proper use of audio visual aids in order to communicate messages effectively to the SMSs.