

Financial Support for Promotion of SRI

National Bank for Agriculture and
Rural Development

NABARD Roles in Support of SRI

- Assistance for popularization of SRI
 - both government and funding agencies
- Loan assistance to individual farmers
 - For raising crop as per SRI method
 - For producing inputs for crop such as organic manures and pesticides
 - For manufacture of implements and special equipment required

Assistance for popularization:

- Farm Innovation & Promotion Fund
- Farmers' Technology Transfer Fund
- Research & Development Fund
- Rural Innovation Fund

Information on these Funds is available at:

www.nabard.org

Assistance for popularization (contd.)

- Financial assistance from FIPF for promotion of SRI in Uttar Pradesh
 - Prathama Gramin Bank
 - About 1,000 farmers spread out over 25 farmers' clubs
- People's Science Institute, Dehradun,
 - Seven voluntary agencies and 550 trainer farmers were associated

Assistance to Farmers' Clubs

- Farmers' clubs are sponsored by bank branches
- Activities of the Farmers Clubs are supported by NABARD
- These Clubs work for the promotion of agriculture
- They can act as catalysts for popularising SRI

Credit / subsidy support

- Short-term loans for raising crop under SRI
 - Commercial Banks
 - Regional Rural Banks
 - Cooperative Banks
- Circulation of package of practices on SRI to all banks
- Investment credit for manufacture of equipment, production of organic inputs
 - Vermi-compost, fruit and vegetable waste compost, and bio-fertilisers
 - CISS for production of organic inputs under NPOF

Conclusions

- Adoption of SRI by farmers in paddy-growing areas is needed in country
- Banks can support the programme by extending credit for SRI and related activities
- CISS on organic inputs supplements the input needs of the programme
- NABARD funds can be made available for making SRI more popular