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DR. SUNIL CHAUHAN INSPECTS SUB-PROJECT DAWAD IN KANGRA AHEAD OF MID-TERM JICA REVIEW MISSION



Dehra: Dr Sunil Chauhan, the Project Director of HP JICA Agriculture Project inspected the activities in the Flow Irrigation Scheme (FIS) Dawad under BPMU Dehra on Wednesday head of the visit of the Mid-Term JICA Review Mission. He was accompanied by the Sr. Consultant Mr. Baljeet Sandhu.

The visit aimed at reviewing the on-ground progress of project activities and ensuring readiness for effective showcasing during the forthcoming JICA Review Mission.

Sub-project of Dawad is covering a cultivated command area of 71.78 hectares, completed at a cost of ₹1.26 crore. The scheme is benefitting 184 farming

families. This scheme built under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project (HPCDP) Phase-II, JICA-ODA, is contributing substantially to enhance irrigation, improve cropping intensity, and income augmentation among the beneficiaries.

Dr. Sunil Chauhan & Me BS Sandhu interacted with the office bearers and the members of the Krishak Vikas Association of the sub-project Dawad. They undertook a field visit, held discussions with beneficiary farmers, and reviewed performance under the Crop Diversification Plan (CDP), which is currently under implementation and has successfully entered its third cropping season.

The farmers shared their experiences regarding improved irrigation efficiency, diversification towards high-value crops, and the overall positive impact of the project on agricultural productivity and livelihoods.

The Project Director issued necessary directions to DPMU & BPMU officials to ensure that all project activities, outcomes, and best practices are properly documented and showcased during the Mid-Term JICA Review Mission. Emphasis was laid on maintaining field readiness, ensuring farmer participation, and highlighting the tangible benefits accrued under the project.