

BLOCK TECHNOLOGY TEAM (BTT) CONVENORS' REVIEW UNDER AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ATMA) HELD AT KORAPUT.

A BTT Convenors review meeting was organised on 8.7.2010 in the training hall of District Agriculture Officer, Koraput under the chairmanship of Shri Rajesh P. Patil, IAS., Collector-cum-Chairman, ATMA, Koraput. The Deputy Director of Agriculture-cum-Project Director, ATMA, Deputy Project Director (HQrs.), ATMA, AGM, NABARD, Soil Conservation Officer, Koraput, District Agril. Officer, Koraput, District Agril. Officer, Nandapur, BTT Convenors of different Blocks of the district and others participated in the review. While reviewing the ATMA programmes, the Collector-cum-Chairman, ATMA wanted to know the activities undertaken in awareness campaign, its impact on the farmers, etc. It revealed that the awareness campaigns so far held have been quite successful with positive impact on the farmers. The Collector, however, instructed the BTT Convenors to continue such programmes for the betterment of the farmers. He also emphasized upon watershed areas to take up different cropping programmes, starting an Agricultural Help Line for the farmers in the office of the Deputy Director, Agriculture, Jeypore, submission of list of defunct L.I. points within 15 days for rectification and addressing the problems relating to *Biju Gram Jyoti Yojana*.

The AGM, NABARD informed about the availability of loans to Joint Liability Group (JLG), landless farmers and share croppers and suggested to include the farmers club members in agricultural activities. The DDA-cum-Project Director, ATMA advised the BTT Convenors to sit with the FAC members at least once a month for better achievement of ATMA programmes. He also informed about the *Rastriya Krushi Vikash Yojana* (RKVY) and National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
