

Developing a Culture of Sustainable Consumption and Lifestyle through Organic Production and Consumption in the State of Rajasthan (ProOrganic II)

Training on Organic Farming Certification

March 27, 2019

Trainer: OneCert International Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur

Objective

The objective of this training was to get familiar with the functioning of certification body for certification of a farmer, who wishes to do organic farming by way of switching the mode. CUTS has been working in this field since last five to six years and many farmers have converted from conventional to organic but for getting premium price, it is necessary to get a certification. The training also aimed to get familiar with the process of certification.



- **Proceedings:** DS welcomed all the participants for the training and also the team from OneCert International, Jaipur. After a brief introduction, he told about the objective of this training and need of organic certification.

Dheeraj Sharma: Dheeraj Sharma (Assistant Manager, OneCert International) briefed a session about individual certification process. He told that there are two mainly two types of certification process, Group Certification and Individual Certification. There are different standards for export agriproduct to different countries and different fees structure with different application packets. If any farmer want to sell his products in

India, then certification of NPOP (National Program on Organic Production) standards is required. He told that in Rajasthan, ROCA (Rajasthan Organic Certification Agency) is the government agency for certification of farmers and other private agencies are also working in this area. To get certification, a farmer need to maintain all the farm dairies provided by the ICS (Internal Control System) and apply the recommended inputs in the field so that there is minimum chances of risk assessment. He told that, it is beneficial to get group certification.



Smiti Sahu: Smiti (Manager Review, Onecert International) took a brief session on group certification. She told that, it is easy to get certification in group for farmers and also doing organic farming in group. She mentioned about different terms used in certification process like, ICS, CB (Certification Body), Risk Assessment, Operator, Conversion Certificate, Spilt Production etc. She mentioned that there can be 25-500 members in a group. She mentioned about PKVY (Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna) scheme of Government, in which farmers will get certification by the government agency at a subsidized cost. She suggested that in her views, certification is only required, when a farmer is doing organic farming at his farm fully and wish to get premium price then chemical based one. If we are doing organic farming for our own consumption purpose then it is not required.

Interactions: During the interaction with team, some participants were asking about the use of tractor and other heavy machines in the organic farming. Then team told that in the certification norms, they are allowing to use these machines. Some partners had also raised about the high fees structure of certification body and lengthy procedure of documents in the certification.

Participants

ProOrganic II district partners, Jaipur block level partners, GAW partners of Jaipur and few selected progressive farmers and the CUTS project team.



Highlights

- The team has well oriented about all the queries from participants through a nice presentation.
- Good debate on certification related issues and need to improve them.



Programme Schedule

One Day Training to Farmers on Organic Farming Certification

March 27, 2019

CUTS Conference Hall, Jaipur

Schedule

Trainers: Ms. Smiti Sahu, Manager-Review

and

Mr. Dheeraj Sharma

Asst. Manager HR & Administration

OneCert International Private Limited, Jaipur

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|-------------|---|----------------|
| 14.00-17.00 | Welcome & Opening Remarks | Deepak Saxena |
| | Training on Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Organic Certification• Organic Certification Procedure• Certification Requirements (Individual Farming & Grower Group Certification) | Trainers |
| | Question and Answers | Trainers |
| | Vote of Thanks | Nimisha Sharma |

List of Participants

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