



Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS)

Roundtable Discussion on Cotton



Subsequent to the circulation of Policy Brief on Cotton brought out by TAAS and the initiative of Dr RS Paroda, Chairman through discussion with Prof Ramesh Chand, Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog and Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, MoA&FW, a Roundtable Discussion on Cotton for the Way Forward, was organized jointly by NITI Aayog, MoA&FW and TAAS in Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi



on 24 May, 2023. The Meeting was Co-Chaired by Prof Ramesh Chand and Shri Manoj Ahuja and attended by about 51 participants representing diverse stakeholders from NITI Aayog, MoA&FW, MoT, MoST, MoEF, ICAR, PPV&FRA, TAAS, eminent experts and representatives of cotton seed industry, crop protection industry, textile industry, and farm machinery industry attended.



The meeting started with an excellent presentation by Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS nicely highlighting the, background, production and productivity scenario nationally and globally, major bottlenecks, and the actions needed for India to remain a global leader in cotton. This was followed by special remarks by Prof Ramesh Chand, Shri Manoj Ahuja, Dr Himanshu Pathak, and Joint Secretary (Textiles). Then there was open discussion on various agenda items and the action points for the implementation of recommendations suggested in TAAS Policy Brief. A Sub-Committee will be constituted to suggest the mechanism for implanting various recommendations.

The links to the relevant documents are given below:

[Base Paper & Program](#) [Participants](#)

[PowerPoint Presentation](#)