Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav

Under *'Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav'* scheme, DOGR scientists guided farmers of the adopted villages. Shri Ravindra Namdeo Gorde, farmer of Gosasi village, District Pune was one of them. He has narrated that he got tremendous increase in onion bulb yield after applying ICAR-DOGR technologies. According to him previously he was cultivating onion crop by using traditional practices. He was spraying pesticides and insecticides after seeing incidences of diseases and insects. Now he takes precautions before diseases and insects occurs. He does treats onion seed with thirum before sowing in nursery. He transplants onion seedlings after dipping roots in carbendazim and carbosulfan solution for two hours. Afterwards, he sprays insecticides and pesticides time to time as per DOGR advice. Last year on 22 July 2015, Shri Gorde had sown seed of Bhima Shakti in nursery. He transplanted seedlings on 5 September 2015. He harvested onion crop on 25 December 2015 and sold onion in market on 5 January 2016. Shri Gorde was previously getting only 60 bags (1 bag = 65 kg) /acre of onion bulbs. But last year after using advance technology of onion cultivation, he got 150 bags of good quality onion bulbs in one acre. As his onion bulbs were of good quality, he received market rate of Rs. 21 per kg. Previously, he was getting only Rs. 10 per kg.

In this way, Shri Gorde has been benefitted due to advice of scientists of ICAR-DOGR under '*Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav'* scheme.