

Netherlands Delegation Visit to ICAR-CPRI, Shimla

A team of two member delegations from the Netherlands Mr. Marien Valstar, Senior Policy Officer, Seeds and Plant Propagation Material, Ministry of Economic Affairs &

Mr. Kees van Ettehoven, Head, Variety Testing Department, Naktuinbouw visited ICAR-CPRI, Shimla on 26th August, 2016 to discuss the possibilities of India-Netherlands



agreement for speeding up

of potato variety registration in India. In this regard, one day programme was organized including the Director, ICAR-CPRI, the two delegations, all Heads of Division, Incharge CPRS, Kufri and Scientists of Division of Crop Improvement. The Director, CPRI briefed about the potato research and developments in India followed by a presentation on Potato DUS testing procedure in India and Netherlands. The meeting was followed by discussion and understanding on various aspects of potato research in India including the potato seed chain system, possibilities for technical cooperation for sharing of expertise in DUS testing. The delegates also visited the laboratory facilities of the institute. The meeting strengthened the platform for exchange of knowledge and experience on potato variety registration and protection.