

CHAPTER VI

PLANNING AND MONITORING

The Directorate of Planning and Monitoring has been revived under university plan scheme since January 2003 with the following mandates :-

1. To act as a liaison unit between the university and the state as well as central government departments in implementing various schemes for the benefit of the farming community.
2. To process new research scheme proposals for getting funds under five year plan budget out lays from State and Central Government.
3. To monitor the plan schemes and report the financial and physical progress of the schemes to the State Government periodically.
4. To prepare reports on the activities of the university in agricultural education, research and extension areas and send them to the Government in the form of Achievement Report.
5. To prepare the Annual Report of the university both in Tamil and English.
6. To prepare suitable replies to queries raised in the State Assembly Parliament and Rajya Sabha by the respective members on agriculture matters.
7. To process and monitor the Venture Capital Schemes and the consultancy service by our university scientists.

Venture Capital Scheme

A novel scheme introduced in the university during this year to bring under the production oriented schemes in which there is scope for generating income to the university at the same time helping the farmers with quality agricultural inputs, like seeds, seedling, cuttings, grafts, bio-inoculant, vermi-compost, bio-fertilizers, bio-control agents, coconut tonic etc. The seed money for the scheme is provided from the University Education, Research and Development Fund which has to be repaid within three years from the sanction of the scheme. During this year 55 schemes have started functioning in various units of the university.

Consultancy Service Cell

This Directorate is entrusted with the monitoring of the consultancy services offered by our scientists to the farmers as well as agro based industrialists. The 'technical know how' a prerequisite for making agriculture a commercial venture is provided by our scientists and the clients pay the prescribed fees to the university which is shared by the university and the scientists at 50:50 if the service is institutional and 40:60 if it is individual service by the scientists. During this year 44 consultancy services were taken up by our scientists which includes facilitation for on line courses offered by Asia Pacific Regional Technology Centre located in Thailand.

Research project proposals for funding under Part-II Plan Scheme are consolidated and submitted to Government. During 2003-2004 a total number of 11 schemes have been sanctioned by Government of Tamil Nadu with a budget outlay of Rs.100.0 lakhs for a period of 2 years and they are progressing well.