

ICAR-NRCG and Pesticide industry interface meeting

The meeting was held at the NRL auditorium of ICAR-NRCG, Pune on 11.05.22. Fifty two representatives from 22 pesticide industries were present in the meeting. There were also representations from the grape export houses, MRDBS and pesticide residue labs. The meeting was chaired by Dr R.G. Somkuwar, Director, ICAR-NRCG. Dr. K. Banerjee, PS & Incharge, NRL briefed the house regarding the status of rejection of samples and informed that only 2.5% (approx.) of the samples got rejected due to pesticide residues and he appreciated the industry's stewardship of their respective products. Representatives of the industry appraised the house regarding the status of Mancozeb in the EU. They also deliberated on issues of thiophenate methyl, biocontrol agents, compatibility of pesticides and biocontrol agents and requirement of guidelines regarding of tank-mix of products. Dr Banerjee requested the industry houses to generate data so as to ease the fixation of MRL process. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sujoy Saha, PS, Plant Pathology.

