

**Interaction with the representatives of Maharashtra State Grape Growers' Association (MRDBS) and Grape Exporters' Association of India (GEAI) at ICAR-NRC Grapes, Pune**

A meeting was held among the representatives of MRDBS, GEAI and the scientists of ICAR-NRC Grapes, Pune on 02.02.2021. The meeting was chaired by Dr. R. G. Somkuwar, Director. In the meeting the participants were apprised of the present status of Mancozeb in the EU. As per the recent notification of complete ban on use of Mancozeb from 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, the grape growers and exporters were advised to minimize the use of Mancozeb and follow the alternate methods of disease management. It was discussed that as per the CIB&RC label claim, Ziram 27% SC may be used as an alternative for the coming season (2021-22) against downy mildew of grapes @1.5-2 kg/ha. On this ground, the manufacturer of Ziram will be sensitized to propagate its use in the season of 2021-22. Moreover, it was decided by the house that Annexure 5 of APEDA's residue monitoring plan document will be revised, and Ziram 80% WP will be incorporated in it, if the manufacturer requests to do so. The stakeholders were further advised to use biocontrol agents like Trichoderma, Bacillus, etc. for integrated disease management in grapes. It was informed to them that as soon as NPPO communicates the alternative methods to the institute, they will be updated for the same through various extension platforms. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.