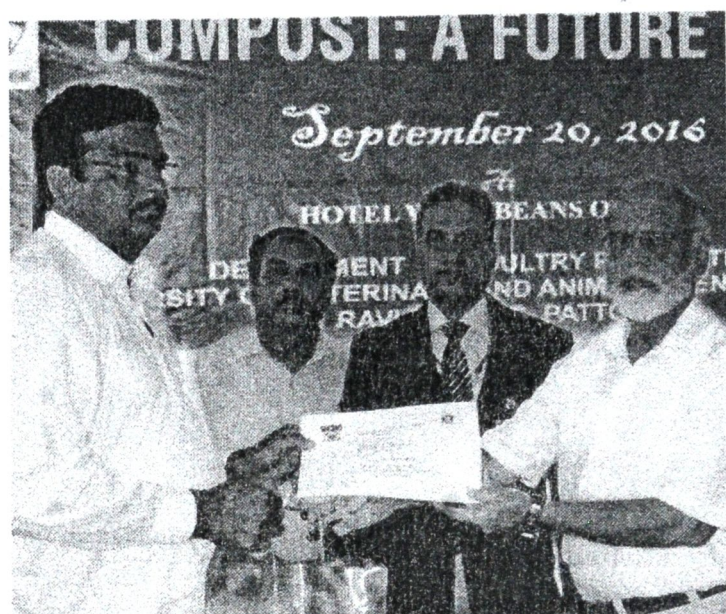


Seminar on 'Compost: A Future Tool'

The Department of Poultry Production organized a one-day seminar on "Compost: A Future Tool" to sensitize the agricultural/poultry farmers about the benefits of compost and composting technology. Prof Dr Muhammad Abdullah, member Punjab Agricultural Research Board, and Dr. Abdul Rehman, research associate, attended the meeting. Many agricultural and poultry farmers from different areas of Punjab including Renala Khurd, Chichawatni, Pakpattan, veterinarians, technical persons and postgraduate students attended the seminar. Project manager Prof Dr Athar Mahmud briefed the participants on project activities and achievements. While elaborating the benefits of compost, Dr Athar termed compost an effective tool for enhancing fertility of agricultural land and decreasing per acre cost of production. Highlighting the problem of increasing per acre cost of production, Dr. Sher Muhammad Sherawat, EDO agriculture



Okara, also termed the compost a welcome step towards solution and lauded the efforts of UVAS and PARB in that regard. Later, in an interactive session, experts focused on challenges confronting the agriculture/poultry farming and discussed their possible solutions. They were convinced on the use of composting technology for safe disposal of dead birds and end product "compost" on agricultural land. At the end, Prof. Abdullah distributed certificates among farmers, speakers and organizers of the seminar.