

Pigeon pea growing in rainfed ecosystem of Odisha

Farmer's Name : *Pradip Kumar Panda.*
Location : *Antamoda, Rayagada, Odisha.*
Pigeonpea Variety: *Maruti (Breeder).*
Cropping Season : *2013-2014*
Cropping Pattern : *Sole crop.*
Seed Rate : 8 Kg/Ha .Area: 14 ha.
Spacing : 90 cm x 75 cm.
Yield : **200 quintals.(approx.) which costs around Rs 20.0 lakh**



Sri Pradip Kumar Panda, a 38 year old progressive farmer of Rayagada district is having 22.48 hectares of land (Own-6.48 ha. Lease-16 ha.)He got recognition of success at national level and became a news maker for growing pigeon pea successfully in the rainfed ecosystem. In the year 2013 with support from ICRISAT-RKVY Scheme, he had cultivated Pigeon pea Variety Maruti(Breeder) in an area of 14 hectare under seed production programme.He had sown seeds in line making ridges and applied fertilisers in proper method and time. To control pest infestation he had applied different pesticides (Trizophus, DDVP, Multineem and Confider etc.)four times. To check flower dropping, he had also applied hormone. Besides this he had also put all other intercultural practices like weeding, earthling up, thinning, rouging of off type plants etc.properly and timely. He harvested the crop and got d 200 quintals of foundation seeds from his field. In the year 2013-14, for his success during kharif-2012-13 he got national Krishi Karman award from His Excellency the President of India. Really he became

a role model for other Pigeon pea growers in the district, as well as in the State also.



Sri Panda receiving award from president of India as best progressive farmer