

**Cooperation between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India and the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (CARP), Sri Lanka in the field of Agricultural Research and Education**

In pursuance of the provisions contained in the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the ICAR, India and the CARP, Sri Lanka concluded at New Delhi on 2.7.1998, the Work Plan for the years 2008-09 was signed on 13th June, 2008 at Gannoruwa, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka between the two 'Parties' to develop, promote and accelerate closer collaborative effort for the development of Agricultural Research and Education in the two countries.

The Work Plan envisages short term training of 2-3 weeks duration for more than seventy Sri Lankan scientists in the various ICAR training institutes in India over a period of two years in the various areas of agriculture, dairying, fisheries, human resources management etc. Provision has also been made to impart education to students of Sri Lanka at the post graduation and Doctoral levels in agricultural and allied sciences. Some collaborative research projects, industry ventures in agriculture and visits of consultants in various fields of agriculture to Sri Lanka upon specific requests are also envisaged under the work plan.