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BLAST DISEASE OF RICE IN BANGLADESH: PRESENT STATUS AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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A discussion meeting on 'Blast disease of rice in Bangladesh: Present status and future management strategies' was held at the conference room, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka on April 13, 2009 at 3.00 pm. Dr. M. A. Taher Mia, CSO, Plant Pathology Division, BRRI presented the key note paper on the out break of the diseases in the hybrid rice in boro season. The discussion revealed that concerned authorities should be more cautious while importing seeds from abroad particularly from the quarantine point of view. Dr. Mia also suggested that some precautionary measures along with some appropriate chemical treatments will bring fruitful result in combating the disease. Mr. Anwar Faruque, Director General, Seed wing, MoA had attended the meeting as chief guest. Among others Dr. Md. Abu Bakr, General Secretary, BPS, Prof. Dr. Ismail Hossain Miah of BSMRAU and Dr. M. Salahuddin M. Chowdhury of SAU took part in the discussion.