A team of scientists consisting of Dr.Laurence Beaudoin Ollivier, HDR,Senior Palm Entomologist, Coconut Supply Chain,Deputy Correspondent, CIRAD, France, Mr.Nicolas Turnbull, Oil palm Breeder and Asia Development Head, Mr.P.Sriwijeyen, Plantation Expert from Indonesia from CIRAD, FRANCE visited SKLTSHU administrative office, Mulugu on 15-11-2023.

CIRAD is the French agricultural research and international cooperation organization working for the sustainable development of tropical and Mediterranean regions. In view of increasing area of Oilpalm cultivation in Telangana state, it is proposed to prepare a roadmap to increase the productivity and to make oil palm a profit viable crop, scientific collaboration involving CIRAD Scientists, University scientists, Oil Palm Experts of Telangana and with support of Govt. of Telangana , a detailed project shall be prepared and shall be submitted to the Government.

Team of CIRAD had a detailed and elaborate discussions on Production, Protection and Management of Oil palm for ensuing sustainable income to the farmers. The major focus of discussion was on Intercropping in Oilpalm orchards, biological control of pests and diseases by identifying beneficial plants to control Insect Pests in Oil palm.

Dr.B.Neeraja Prabhakar,Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Dr.A.Bhagwan,Director of Research, Dr.A.Kiran Kumar, Director of Extension, Dr.M.Rajasekhar, Dean of PG Studies, Plant Protection Scientists Dr.D.Anitha and Dr.K.Venkat Ramesh from SKLTSHU, Sri. E.Srinivasa Rao, Horticulture advisor to Govt. of Telangana, Sri. Kamalakar Reddy Horticulture Officer, Sri.Y..S.Ranganaikudu, Oilpalm free lancer, Telangana participated in the interaction meeting held at University head quarters,Mulugu.