

February, 2017 – Advisories for Oil Palm Cultivation

- ❖ In oil palm cultivation, apply fertilizers at every 3 months intervals under irrigated conditions. (4 times/year).
- ❖ Broadcast the fertilizers around the clean weeded basin of oil palm, about 50 cm away from the palm base and incorporate into the soil by forking. Irrigate the palms immediately after fertilizer application.
- ❖ For the newly planted oil palm crop, the first dose of fertilizer application may be given three months after planting. 50 to 100 kilograms of farm yard manure or 100 kilograms green manure per palm is added along with the second dose of fertilizer application. 5 kilograms neem cake per palm per year can also be applied. Apply fully decomposed farm yard manure or compost for oil palm.
- ❖ In oil palm, practice ablation by removing inflorescences emerging from leaves during first, second and third year after planting. Ablation will enable the plant to gain adequate stem girth, vigour and develop adequate root growth.
- ❖ Oil palm seedlings of 1-1.3 m height ,12-14 months of age and having 13 functional leaves are preferable for planting.