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# Training needs about improved cultivation practices for the onion growers

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**SUMMARY :** Training need is essential to induce knowledge and adoption of any growers about particular crop. The present study was, therefore, designed to ascertain the training needs of onion growers based on exploratory research design of social research. The research study was carried out in Akot tahsils of Akola district in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra State during 2011-2012. Result of this study revealed that near about two third (65.00%) of the growers comes under medium to high training need level. Similarly in case of the practice wise training need of the onion growers it was observed that there are various practices of onion crop about them growers require training need like spraying of mallic hydrazide (100.00%), to identify major diseases of onion crop (97.00%), plant protection measures against onion diseases (96.00%), improved storage practices of onion (88.00%), important intercultural operation recommended for onion crop (65.00%), different storage methods of onion (63.00%), plant protection measures against onion pests(50.00%), irrigation water management (49.00%) and identification of major pests of onion crop(47.00%). Hence, the study imply that the extension functionaries should arrange training programme and cover the above explained training need areas of onion crops, that will also help for improving knowledge and adoption of this practices.

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