Bio inoculant (bio fertilizer/bio pesticide) is a substance which contains living microorganisms, that enhances availability of primary nutrients to the host plant when applied or saves plants from pathogen and insect attack. It is applied to seeds, plant surfaces or soil, and colonizes the rhizosphere or the interior of the plant and promotes growth. It may constitute bacteria, fungi, insects and viruses. Application of microbial bio fertilizers and bio pesticides is being advocated by the Government and environmentalist for sustainable agriculture. However, both availability and quality of bio-inocula is confined to limited areas. Besides, there is a need to popularize the products by explaining/demonstrating their advantages over chemical products to the farmers. In spite of the thrust given to the use of bio-fertilizers well-trained/skilled manpower to start up small bio fertilizer units is not available in the country. Therefore, we propose to develop a Skill Development course in “Bio inoculant Producer for Agriculture Application”. The skilled manpower from the course should also be employable in the existing production units. The proposal is in line with the NSDC mandate of “Creating more non-agricultural jobs under Agriculture Allied services”.

**SALIENT FEATURES OF THE COURSE**

- To address the skill gaps in the field of bio fertilizer and bio pesticide production.
- To generate the employment
- To generate awareness about the use of bio fertilizers and bio pesticides.
- To helps in promoting self-employment and provides a significant boost to budding entrepreneurs in this sector.

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

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