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Chandigarh, March 18:- A delegation of 13 officers of National Defence College led by Brig. T. S. Sidana, VSM today calls on the Punjab Governor and UT Administrator, Mr. Shivraj V. Patil at Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh.

Interacting with the officers who was on Economic, Socio and Technology Study tour to Punjab, Mr. Patil asked the officer to also visit Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), which has achieved the distinction of developing sophisticated systems like Head up Display for combat Aircrafts and they also developed small instruments which are able to test the agricultural land and gives you the report regarding that what types of elements are lacking in the soil and how much water it requires.

Mr. Patil said need of the hour is to develop the capacity of the land to produce more. He said ground water level is depleting at an alarming rate, so we have to make necessary arrangements to harvest rain water and set-up more soil testing labs, so that farmers could use only required fertilizers and pesticides which will help them in getting more yield with less cost.

Mr. Patil asked the officers what do you find while interacting with the persons of Punjab, during your study tour? On this, Brig Sidana said that the Agriculture is the backbone of the State but the farmers came to know that the agriculture is not a profitable business anymore still they goes for big cars and good houses. He said that our team has also visited Hero Cycles Ludhiana, OCM Amritsar and Railway Coach Factory, Kapurthala.

Prominent members of delegation, who were present included Mr. Vishvash Mehta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence Group Captain, James Craft of US Airforce, Brig. General I. Panda of Tanzania Army and Air Comodere DOLO from Malaysia, Mr. M.P. Singh, Secretary to Governor, Punjab, Major C. Sandeep, ADC to Governor, Punjab.