Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, Hon’ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare visited ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal on 2.3.2017. Dr. A.K. Singh, Director appraised him about the multifarious scientific activities of the Directorate and took him to various facilities of DCFR including laboratories and farm facilities. He also conveyed the research and development works being carried out by the Directorate in his presentation. The Hon’ble Minister emphasized the Prime Minister’s mission on doubling the profit to the farmers through reducing cost of fish cultivation and increase production through technological applications. He was in view of convening a multi-disciplinary workshop by ICAR involving different officials from state governments and ICAR head quarters for drawing policies on agricultural development in hills and roadmap for their implementation. The Hon’ble Minister also suggested for making a database on the medicinal values of the coldwater fishes. He also urged scientists to prepare a scheme of economical fish farming model to lure private investors. The Hon’ble minister appreciated the efforts made by scientists for implementing various research activities in difficult terrain from Jammu & Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh. Scientists from ICAR-VPKAS, Almora and ICAR-NBPGR, Bhowali were also present on the occasion.