INTRODUCTION

A total of 19 participants in the mentioned survey in IBD represented 11 government departments, academia, Chambers of Commerce, Bar Council and NGOs/CBOs. The West Bengal State Action Plan on Climate Change (2012) emerged as the well most known document amongst the participants of the survey. They all opined that this action plan is a good one which could help people adapt better in the vulnerable IBD, if it could be implemented better.

DISCUSSION

One of the striking takeaways from the survey was that most of the respondents were not acquainted with the policies/action plans/programmes, etc. present at the State level. Only a total of 30% respondents are involved in implementation of the selected policy/action plan. Livelihood diversification within agriculture emerged as one of the aspects, which is mostly addressed by the selected policy/action plan. A total of 56% respondents were not sure about the timeframe of the selected policy/action plan, while 13% respondents acknowledged that they had no idea about it.

Some respondents felt that a close and effective coordination of the relevant departments and agencies with the Environment Department as the nodal point is the need of the hour. One of the respondents stressed on the necessity of having a regular monitoring of the physical and financial progress by the competent authority.

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