

The news published by TRIPURAINFO on 16th April, 2021 has attracted the attention of the State Government and it is for **information** for all concerned and general public that the news is totally baseless.

In this context, it is to be **mentioned** here that the financial situation of State Government is fully stable. Finance Department had released 20% of Budgeted Provision of selected items during 1st week of April, 2021 to each department. Besides, Finance Department has been releasing funds as per requirement of departments by analysing the importance of required funds. The question of non-payment of salary to employees does not arise.

Regarding debt burden, State Government has taken borrowings as per consent of Government of India on the basis of certain percentage of Gross State Domestic Products (GSDP). This borrowings are taken for infrastructural development of the State which is taken by every state of the Country. The repayment tenor for open market loan are 10 years, 15 years and 20 years. The burden of debt was Rs. 12904.07 Cr when the new Government has come into power. The State Government are making the repayment against the loans which were taken by previous Government.

Loan from Asian Development Bank, World Bank, Indo-German etc. are being taken by the State Government against Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) of the Government of India. 80% of said loan has been borne by Government of India and therefore, it is in the form of grant to the State Government and only 20% of said loan has to be borne by State Government. These loan are bearing low interest rate and having long moratorium period. Therefore, EAPs are very good for infrastructure development of any state. There are 6 (six) EAPs in various stages of implementation and 2 (two) more are in the pipeline. No loan has been taken from LIC since the new Government has come into power. NABARD loan is cheapest source of loan targeted for Agriculture & Allied Sector. It is also taken within overall borrowing limit of the State Government.

During 2020-21, the State Government has received more fund from Government of India under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) in comparison to 2018-19 and 2019-20.

The State Government is committed for best possible health care services to all its citizens. Required fund for Health Sector has been released from time to time by Finance Department on the basis of requirement and urgency.

Thus Central and State Government have been working in a coordinated manner for overall development of the State.