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<u>General Meeting of West Tripura Zilla Parishad</u> Tourism Minister emphasises coordination between public representatives and government departments for expediting development

The people's representatives of the three-tier panchayats and various government departments should work in coordination for the welfare of the common people of the state. People's representatives should always be in touch with the people. Then only the state will progress at a fast pace. This was stated by Tourism Minister Sushanta Choudhury at the general body meeting of the West Tripura Zilla Parishad held at the conference hall of West Tripura DM office on March 12.

Speaking at the meeting Tourism Minister Sushanta Chowdhury said, the people's representatives and government employees are the mainstay in the implementation of various development plans of the state government. If they are active, the state will progress in the fields of drinking water, education, housing, roads, electricity, agriculture, irrigation, social welfare and social education, industry etc. He said that the representatives of the three-tier panchayats will have to inform the department about the problems of drinking water in the panchayat. A team will be formed to solve the drinking water problem in Mandai, Jirania, Belbari and Old Agartala blocks.

In the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer of West Tripura Zilla Parishad and Deputy Commissioner of West Tripura District, Dr. Vishal Kumar urged the concerned departments to work in coordination with the representatives of the three-tier panchayats in the implementation of each project. The DC said that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural and Urban), 47 thousand houses have been constructed so far in Phase-I and Phase-II.

The Social Education department's Inspector of West Tripura district said that approval has been received from the DM, West Tripura for the infrastructure development of 34 Anganwadi centres in the West district. At present a total of 85,599 persons are getting social pensions. The manager of the District Industrial Centre said that under the Prime Minister Employment Guarantee Scheme (PMEGP)S, a target has been set to provide loans to 309 unemployed youths in the district this fiscal year. So far, 143 loans have been sanctioned. There is a target of providing loans to 1,014 people under Swabalamban scheme. Already applications of 151 persons have been approved.

The Additional General Manager of Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited said that 2,144 people have been enrolled in the PM Surya Ghar Mufat Bijli Yojana in the West district. So far, the project has been implemented in 130 houses. Officials from the departments of Public Works, Education, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, etc. participated in the discussions.