

Financial assistance to disaster affected farmers in Jirania

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The government has prioritized development in agriculture sector and welfare farmers for achieving rural economic development in the state. The government is working to make the last person of the society financially self-dependent, enunciated Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Chowdhury in a programme of providing financial assistance to the disaster affected farmers under West Tripura District-Level National Disaster Relief Fund, organized at Agnibina Hall in Jirania yesterday. The ICA Minister said, the government is working with planning not only for farmers' welfare but also towards making the last person of the society self-reliant. The financial assistance under National Disaster Relief Fund is being provided to the farmers in the state who have been affected in the financial year 2021-22. Under this program, 5 thousand 829 farmers of West Tripura district will be provided with compensation. 101.45 lakh rupees will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of affected farmers of the district.

The ICA Minister said, the farmers have to be made self-reliant to build a self-reliant Tripura. The centre as well as the state government have taken initiatives towards agricultural development and farmers' welfare. The farmers are being benefitted with the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, PMKISAN, Soil Health Card, paddy procurement at MSP etc. schemes. Advanced machines are being provided to farmers to do farming in modern ways. Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Antara Sarkar Deb said, the government has taken different programs for farmers' welfare. She emphasized upon setting up a Bio Village in every block of the state. MLA Dr. Dilip Das, MLA Dharendra Debbarma and Vice Chairman of Jirania Panchayat Samiti Pritam Debnath also spoke in the programme. Welcome speech was delivered by Joint Director of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare department Dipak Kumar Das. Vote of thanks was delivered by Deputy Director of the department Uttam Das. Other dignitaries present in the programme were President of Agriculture related Standing Committee of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Samaresh Biswas, Chairperson of Jirania Panchayat Samiti Manju Das and Chairperson of Jirania Nagar Panchayat Ratan Kumar Das.

Loans of 36 lakh rupees were given to 26 Self-Help Groups under Tripura Urban Livelihood Mission. Apart from that, loans of 26 lakh 40 thousand rupees have been provided to 16 members of the SHGs. Pulling carts have been handed over to 7 street vendors and e-Rickshaw has been handed over to 2 persons in the programme.