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**The state now has a farmer friendly government: ICA Minister**

The state now has a farmer friendly government. The government is working to double farmers income and help them become self-reliant. The initiative to procure paddy at Minimum Support Price from the farmers is a part of the government's effort to double farmers income, enunciated Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Chowdhury after inaugurating paddy procurement initiative at MSP at the Madhab Bari Food Go-down in Jirania yesterday organized by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department in association with Agriculture & Farmers Welfare department. He said, after the formation of the new government, paddy procurement at MSP from farmers was one of the primary decisions taken up by the government. Now paddy procurement from farmers is done twice a year. As a result, the farmers are getting encouraged and their incomes have also increased. Earlier, a farmer was allowed to sell maximum 3 MT of paddy only which has now been increased to 5 MT. The amount of paddy procured has increased comparatively. The Minister also spoke about the benefits of PMKISAN, Soil Health Card, PMAY schemes. The paddy procurement at Rs 19.40/- per kilogram will continue till February 1, 2022. Welcome speech was delivered by Jirania Sub-Divisional Magistrate Jiban Krishna Acharya. Jirania Agriculture office's Agricultural Superintendent Subrata Das also delivered speech in the inaugural programme. Vice-Chairman of Jirania Panchayat Samiti Pritam Debnath was also present in the programme.

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