

## **Over 14 lakh farmers to benefit in current financial year**

During the current financial year 14,06,290 farmers will benefit under different schemes, informed the education minister Ratan Lal Nath at a press conference at the state secretariat yesterday. Deliberating on the state planning for agri-sector during the 2020-21 financial year the minister said, target has been set to provide more than Rs. 1,600 crore to these farmers in the form various benefits like subsidy grant, agri-equipments, benefits of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Mukhyamantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana etc.

The education minister further said, already 2,05,107 farmers have received Rs. 2000 each in first phase of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi benefit, adding that more 2,10,000 farmers will get this benefit. Target has been set to provide assistance of Rs. 7,64,00,000 to 78,000 farmers associated with high-yielding SRI paddy cultivation. Similarly target has been set to provide Rs. 43.92 crore to 1,46,400 farmers. The targeted break-up benefits is like this – Rs. 7.20 crore for 48,000 farmers associated with maize cultivation;

Rs. 9.45 crore for 52,500 farmers associated with Maskalai lentils; Rs. 1.38 crore for 11,500 farmers associated with Kaun cultivation. In addition, assistance will be given for cultivation of pea-nuts, mustard, sugarcane etc. The minister also informed, during April-May of the current financial year 2,59,367 farmers have received Rs. 211.77 crore as assistance. Paddy seeds have been given to 54,207 farmers during these two months and 2.91 lakh farmers more are to get seeds.

## **Markfed initiates lemon selling through mobile van**

As transport system had stopped due to lockdown for a long period the lemon farmers of the state are facing difficulties to sell their produce. In this situation, Tripura State Cooperative Marketing Federation (MARKFED) has started selling of lemon collected by LAMPS and PACKS from different parts of the state through mobile van. Pumpkin is also being sold alongwith lemon. The inaugural programme of MARKFED was inaugurated by MLA Krishnadhan Das on June 1 near the office of Dainik Sambad along the Jagannath bari road. Speaking on the occasion he said this initiative has been taken by MARKFED so that the farmers can make profit by selling their produce. Chairman of Tripura Tea Development

Corporation Limited Santosh Saha has appreciated this initiative. M.D of Markfed AK Chakraborty, RCS of cooperative department Nirmal Adhikari were present in the programme.



*Paddy procurement programme for Rabi season that started at Belonia cold storage ground on May 26 under the aegis of food and civil supplies department. It will continue till June 4.  
Pic. by Rajesh Debnath, ICO*

### **Drinking water connections in Matabari & Tepania blocks under Atal Jaldhara scheme**

Drinking water connections have been provided to 1393 families of Matarbari and Tepania blocks under Atal Jaldhara scheme during the last financial year. Out of this, drinking water connections have been provided to 877 families of Matabari block and 516 families of Tepania block. The Udaipur office of the executive engineer of DWS department has informed this.

### **Workers of unorganized sector to get assistance in Sepahijala district**

Under the COVID-19 situation the social welfare and social education department will give Rs. 1000 to each of 1525 workers of the unorganized sector in Sepahijala district. To identify and select the beneficiaries a meeting was held at the Bishramganj multi-purpose hall under the chairmanship of Sabhadhipati of Sepahijala Zilla Parishad Supriya Das (Datta) on May 30. The meeting was also attended by MLA Birendra Kishore Debbarma, MLA Subhash Chandra Das, DM C.K. Jamatia, district officer social welfare and social education department Dr. Chandrani Biswas, BAC chairman and CDPOs of different blocks.

It was informed from the department that out of the total 1525 workers 308 workers will be from Bishalgarh block, 194 from Charilam block, 60 from Bishalgarh Municipal area, 99 from Mohanbhog block, 181 from Nalchhar block, 205 from Kanthalia block, 182 from Boxanagar block, 53 from Melaghar Municipal area, 32 from Sonamura Nagar Panchayat and 211 from Jampuijala block. Workers of only 12 unorganised sectors namely cobbler, rickshaw-puller, bidi labour, motor worker, washerman, barber, handloom worker, fisherman, carpenter, blacksmith, potter, safai worker could apply on plain paper.