

State cabinet decides on three issues

The education minister Ratan Lal Nath has informed that target has been set to procure 20,000 MT paddy from the farmers at the minimum support price of Rs. 18.15 per kg. Detailing on the cabinet decision on this the minister further said, the process of procurement will start from 16th of this month. For procurement of this paddy the government will have to spend Rs. 41.63 crore. He said, prime aim of the present government is to develop the condition of rural economy and the poor. To materialize this aim the government has decided to procure paddy from the farmers. This initiative has benefited the farmers on the one hand, and on the other this has encouraged them to enhance production of paddy.

Taking reference from the past the minister said, since the inception of the process in 2018-19 the farmers have got Rs. 71.10 crore against the paddy they sold to the government at minimum support price in three phases. The minister informed, the food department will be procuring the paddy from May 26 through 21 centres in eight districts.

Shedding light on the two other decisions of the cabinet the education minister said,

there are 383 approved posts of TAFS, Gr-I (Group-B, Gazetted) in the agriculture and farmers' welfare department and out of this only 138 are now occupied. Rest of the posts is lying vacant. Now the Council of Ministers has approved 63 posts for recruitment through TPSC. Reservation system will be complied with while recruiting in these posts. Similarly, the Rules of Executive Business of Government of State of Tripura 1972 has been amended and through this amendment the name of the Fire Service department has been renamed as 'Tripura Fire and Emergency Service' now.

MGNREGA activities in Old Agartala block

Work of land leveling under MGNREGA is going on in two places of Durga Chowmuhani gram panchayat of Old Agartala block. Rs 3.36 lakh will be spent and 1643 mandays will be generated in the scheme. Work of land leveling is going on in three places of Madhya Champamura gram panchayat of the block. Rs 4 lakh 7 thousand 335 will be spent and 1987 mandays will be generated under the scheme. On the other hand, work of five projects under MGNREGA is going on in Meglipara G.P. Among these, excavation of three

ponds, land leveling in one place and construction of a barrage for flood control are going on. Rs 7, 62, 600 will be spent and 3720 mandays will be generated under the scheme.



MGNREGA activities going on in Golaghati gram panchayat under Bishalgarh sub-division.

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Spray machines provided to 375 farmers of North district

Manual spray machines at subsidised rate have been provided by North District office of agriculture and farmers welfare department to 375 farmers during the 2019-20 financial year. The farmers have availed Rs. 750 subsidy on each spray machine. Spray machines have already been provided to 230 farmers of Damchhera block under Damchhera Agri-subdivision under the scheme. Moreover, spray machines will be provided to 20 farmers under Panisagar agri-subdivision and 125 farmers under Kanchanpur agri-subdivision at subsidised rate. Rs 2, 81,250 will be spent on subsidy in the scheme.

Deputy director of North District office of agriculture and farmers welfare department has informed that harvesting machines had been provided to two farmers of Damchhera block during the last financial year. The farmers have got Rs 30,000 subsidy on each harvesting machine. Moreover, rice weeding machine has been provided to two farmers of Panisagar block. The farmers have availed Rs 25,000 as subsidy on each machine. Rs one lakh 10 thousand in total has been spent for giving this subsidy to the farmers.