

Cabinet decision on massive plantation drive

Saplings of polybag nursery will be sold at nominal rate by the forest department. It was decided in the meeting of the state cabinet. This information was given by the education minister Ratan Lal Nath during the press conference. He informed, each sapling will be sold to the owners of private land at Rs. 1. In the government sector saplings will be provided free of cost for afforestation. This decision has been taken to enhance bio-diversity and maintain environmental balance, said the minister.

The minister said, the present is giving utmost stress on plantation activities. Under the forest department plenty of polybag nurseries have been raised. Bamboo, jackfruit, olive, bel, chalta, bohera, amla, mehgin, gamai etc. saplings have been grown in these nurseries. At present, the forest department has a treasure of 1,46,88,000 saplings. Out of this number, 92,68,000 are bamboo saplings. So far these saplings were being sold in the price range of Rs. 6, Rs. 10 and Rs. 12, depending on the variety. Now these will be available at the rate of Rs. 1 per piece.

The minister said, during the 2016-17 financial year plantation was done in 2,540 ha. area in the state and in the 2017-18, plantation was done in 1,021 ha area. Further, plantation was done in 5,464 and 3,977 ha. area during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial year respectively. Target for this year is 6,700 ha. Already plantation has been raised in 1,585 ha. area.

Various development activities in Gournagar block

Various activities have been implemented in different panchayats and ADC villages under Gournagar block under MGNREGA. Under the scheme, till date of the current financial year a total of 90,67,000 mandays have been generated. Land-levelling, digging work, construction of dam, etc. activities have been executed under the scheme. An amount of Rs. 1,34,03,000 has been spent to implement these works. This information has been given from the Gournagar block office.

Brick-soling work taken up in Bharatchandranagar

Brick soling work has been taken up in different places of Bharatchandranagar block under MGNREGA during the last financial year. An amount of Rs. 12,04,625

will be spent in this. Under the programme 290 road will be brick-soled in Paikhola panchayat in West Tripura district. An amount of Rs. 4,34,570 will be spent for this. In Sukantanagar panchayat 324 metre road will be brick-soled spending Rs. 4,65,033. Moreover, in West Kalabaria panchayat 210 metre road will be brick-soled. Rs. 3,05,022 will in this work. This information has been given by the office of the community development officer in Bharatchandranagar.

Rs. 7, 44, 38,507 collected under Small Savings Scheme in Gomati district

Rs. 7,44,38,507 has been collected under Small Savings scheme in Gomati district during the current financial year till the month of June. Small Savings development officer of Gomati district has informed that Rs. 6,55,62,000 in Udaipur subdivision, Rs. 83,20,090 in Amarpur subdivision and Rs. 5,56,417 in Karbook subdivision have been collected. A target has been set to collect Rs. 28 crore under Small Savings scheme in Gomati district during the current financial year.

3, 36,213 mandays generated under MGNREGA in Karbook block

3, 36,213 Mandays have been generated in 22 ADC villages of Karbook block under MGNREGA during the current financial

year till now. 10,099 families of the block have availed employment under the scheme. Average 33.29 mandays have been generated. Moreover, 1, 01,744 mandays have been generated in 8 ADC villages of Shilachhari block under MGNREGA during the current financial year till now. Under the scheme, 3674 families of the block have availed employment. Average 27.69 mandays have been generated. Karbook and Shilachhari block office have informed this.



A door-to-door survey team at work in Jampuijala to identify suspected COVID-19 cases.

Pic. by Shivendra Debbarma, ICO