



this kind of integrated special train has been launched for the first time in history under North East Frontier Railway which is a boon to farmers and is a matter of pride for the state. Next Kisan Rail to Chitpur (Kolkata) will leave on 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021. Later the trains both from Agartala- Delhi and Agartala-Kolkata will hit the tracks after 14<sup>th</sup> days for the month of June and on weekly basis from the month of July at 13.00 hrs which can further be increased depending upon the requirements. The freight details are –

1. Agartala-Chitpur (Kolkata) = 1532 km  
After 50% discount under Kisan Rail Scheme, Freight per tonne is Rs. 2,025 including DC @ 2% approx.
2. Agartala-ANDI (Adarsh Nagar, Delhi) = 2435 km
3. After 50% discount under Kisan Rail Scheme, Freight per tonne is Rs. 2,775 including DC @ 2% approx.

The concerned department connects the exporters with farmer's agencies or organisation and that is how they learn to participate. Total 6 farmer's companies/organisations participated in exporting agro-commodities through Kisan Rail including govt and private agricultural companies. Neermahal Farmer's Producers Company of Sepahijala district under Mission Organic Agri department, totally owned by farmers today exported 250 kg of Queen Pineapple as per Jasim Uddin, CEO of the company. Shrestha Development Service, a private company with the help of SFAC, Government of India have exported 64 jackfruits and 200 kg of different variety pineapples to Guwahati on trial basis. Other participants on this occasion were Krishi Sanyoga Agro Producer Company Limited of Sepahijala district and ICCOA, a Bangalore based organic agriculture agency collaborating with Government of Tripura. Apart from this, Senior DCM Ashok Kumar Dey said that 2 AC refrigerators are being ordered from Bangalore and will be provided on separate demand for which registration fee will be Rs. 5,000.

As the Central and State government has opened a new path for the farmers to reach national and international markets, the farmers need to make the best of the opportunity. Development comes with participation and with the active participation and appropriate awareness, the state shall surely prosper.

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