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Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura called on Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on 19th September, 2018 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. And discussed the issues relating to paddy procurement by FCI in Tripura. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura requested the Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to help Tripura in achieving the objective of Doubling the farmers income by 2022. This proactive step of State Government would provide remunerative prices to small and marginal farmers of Tripura at MSP through FCI at the earliest. Chief Minister also conveyed the keenness of the State Government to help FCI in procurement of paddy from the State in the coming Aman harvest season (November-December, 2018) of the State.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also mentioned that the State produces 12 lakh MT of paddy (equivalent to 8.5 lakh MT of Rice). In addition to this, the State receives about 2.5 lakh MT of Rice for PDS from FCI for BPL/APL families in the State. Chief Minister, Tripura urged the Union Minister that if this 2.5 lakh MT of Rice could be procured by FCI from the State at MSP, the farmers of the State will stand to gain about Rs 150 crore annually. Further, Chief Minister, Tripura also apprised the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution that the State Government is shortly going to issue Rice mill licenses for setting up of 80 Nos. small rice mills and 6 Nos. large sized mills in the State. This will facilitate milling of rice within the State itself. Hon'ble Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution agreed with the proposal of Chief Minister, Tripura. Accordingly it was decided to depute a high level FCI team to initiate the process of procurement of rice by FCI in the coming Aman harvest season of the State.
