

Inter-state potato marketing system inaugurated



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Inter State Potato Marketing System was successfully inaugurated by Assam Agriculture, Horticulture & Food Processing Minister Mr. Nilamoni Sen Deka at Gingia, Biswanath Chariali for the benefit of potato growers around the state, yesterday(17.3.2012). Initially, potato will be marketed in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Tripura. This system was boosted due to the increase in potato production in all over the state with the successful implementation of the Scheme “Mission Double Cropping”, informs Mowsam Hazarika, Sub Divisional Agricultural Officer .Mission Double Cropping has encouraged the farmers to cultivate at least two crops in the same plot of land. But, to raise the hopes of farmers this innovative system is introduced to provide a marketing platform to the farmers which will ensure justified rates to farmers.

Assam Government is now planning to reorganize farmers’ of the state under Field Management Committee (FMC) which will be formed in agricultural field level instead of village level. Through this FMC, government will channelize all types of agricultural supports to the farmers.

In addition, Assam Agriculture Department is planning to increase rice production in the state in this coming Kharif Season with the target of 70 lakh metric tons. To achieve this, Hybrid Rice, along with other HYV paddy seeds will be promoted among the farmers. According to Assam Agriculture Minister, government will also focus in increasing production of pulses and oil seeds in the state apart from paddy.

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