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**CM reviews COVID-19 situation in Chirang**

**Sonowal directs Dist Admin to help those residing near Indo-Bhutan border**

**Dispur, April 22:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed Chirang district administration to ensure no person residing in the far flung areas near the Indo-Bhutan border should face difficulty for food. He also directed the Agriculture department to provide market linkage to the farmers of these hard-to-reach and other areas in the district so that they could sell their produce at adequate price. He issued these directions while reviewing the COVID-19 situation in the district at a meeting held the Chirang Deputy Commissioner's Office at Kajal Gaon.

In the meeting, Deputy Commissioner of Chirang Gautam Talukdar apprised the Chief Minister about various measures taken by the district administration to alleviate the difficulties faced by the people of the district during the lockdown. The Chief Minister instructed the District Agriculture Officer to encourage the farmers to resume their farming activities while maintaining social distancing norms and he asked the DC Chirang to ensure that there is no scarcity or price rise of essential items in the district during these times. Stressing on the need to keep the district control room active for 24 hours a day, Sonowal instructed the DC to take appropriate measures to help the people in close coordination with ministers, MLAs and MPs of the district.

MLAs Bimal Bora, Kamal Singh Narzary, BTC Chief Secretary Robinson Muchahary, IGP BTAD Anurag Agarwala, DIG Violet Barua, SP Chirang Sudhakar Singh were also present in the meeting.

Later addressing the media persons, the Chief Minister appreciated the people of Assam for observing the second phase of lockdown which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 14<sup>th</sup> and thereby successfully breaking the chain of COVID-19 spread in the State. The State Government has been extending help to all those people from the state stranded in different parts of the country and the world due to the lockdown and financial assistance has been provided to medical patients, students and other people from Assam stuck outside, he said.

Highlighting the steps taken by State Government like providing food items to economically weaker section of the society irrespective of possession or non-possession of NFSA cards, Sonowal appreciated the health department along with all other front line departments for delivering exemplary services to the people during these difficult times. He also praised the media for their role in disseminating right information to the people.

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