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Sonowal visits Sonari; takes stock of COVID 19 preparedness

Asks DC to lead the target of doubling farmers' income

Dispur, April 22: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal who visited Charaideo district to assess COVID 19 preparedness, asked the Deputy Commissioner and other functionaries of line departments to reorient themselves so that the target set to double the farmers' income do not get derailed and the state can reach the goal by 2022.

Chairing a review meeting of the district's preparedness to deal with COVID 19 outbreak, Chief Minister Sonowal asked DC Palash Ranjan Gharphalia to hold regular meetings with Agriculture and other line departments so that state can be on its track to achieve doubling of farmers' income by 2022. He also observed that though during lockdown, agricultural activities were allowed to be performed, Sonowal asked the Deputy Commissioner to comply with lockdown protocols and observe social distancing.

In view of outbreak of novel coronavirus in the state, Sonowal maintained that since Charaideo is a bordering district with Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, strict caution should be maintained to halt all movements along the inter-state boundaries. He also asked the DC to keep a close watch so that all the families living along the borders do get access to government's welfare schemes.

Sonowal also took stock of the status of the buffer stock of essential commodities in the district and asked the DC to hold meetings with the minister-in-charge of the district and review the lockdown compliance and other associated issues. He also asked the entire machinery of district administration to work as a team to deal with the situation arising out of coronavirus and subsequent lockdown. He also reiterated on the need of maintenance of adequate distance in the tea gardens. He at the same time thanked the frontline personnel who have given a brave front to deal with COVID 19 management.

Minister of State for Revenue and Disaster Management Jogen Mohan, MPs Topon Kumar Gogoi and Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MLAs Nabanita Handique, Kushal Duwari, Bimal Bora, DC Palash Rangjan Gharphalia, SP Ananda Mishra and several senior officers of the district were present at the meeting.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sonowal visited quarantine centre at Sonari Civil Hospital. He also took stock of the other steps taken by the Health and Family Welfare Department for the management of COVID 19.

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