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**Sonowal reviews implementation of agriculture schemes**

**Asks department to promote composite agriculture in Assam**

Dispur, September 16: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has asked Principal Secretary Agriculture to expeditiously take steps for proactively promoting the production of indigenous spices, organic farming and go for seed improvement, composite agriculture to increase the agricultural productivity.

Holding a meeting to review implementation of different schemes of Agriculture at Assam Administrative Staff College here today, Chief Minister Sonowal said that with right kind of attention to indigenous spices, organic farming, composite agriculture and the like besides other crops, the unique selling proposition of the state in agriculture sector can be raised to a great extent. He, therefore, asked Principal Secretary, Agriculture Rajesh Prasad to take proactive steps for large scale cultivation of these agricultural crops.

Sonowal in the meeting said that for reaching the target of doubling farmers' income by 2022, the Agriculture Department has to aggressively implement the schemes. He also stressed on mechanization in agricultural practices for increasing the production and meet the demand supply mismatch. Taking stock of the distribution of tractors under Chief Minister Grammya Unnayan Yojana, Sonowal asked the society to aggressively complete the modalities and distribute the tractors among the beneficiaries. Regarding shallow tube wells with solar pump sets, Sonowal asked the department to expedite the process of distributing them.

Emphasising on the diversification of agriculture, Chief Minister Sonowal also asked the Principal Secretary to ramp up the production of horticultural products to meet the domestic consumption. During the meeting, Chief Minister Sonowal also asked Principal Secretary to ensure that the farmers of the state are entitled to minimum support price of their produce and they are not deprived of this while selling their produce. He also stressed on skill development of the farmers to raise their competitiveness. Sonowal also asked the functionaries to assiduously adhere to the set targets for the implementation of schemes of the government. For composite agriculture, he asked the department to promote the practice to bring about a paradigm shift of agricultural sector's contribution to the growth of the state.

Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Lohiya, Principal Secretary to Agriculture Rajesh Prasad and other senior officers of agriculture department were present at the meeting.

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