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Sonowal presents appointment letters to demonstrators in Fishery Department Asks the department to draw roadmap to lend State government's efforts to Atmanirbhar Assam

Dispur, February 13: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today presented appointment letters to 69 demonstrators of Fishery Department at a programme held at the conference hall of Chief Minister's Block in Janata Bhawan here this evening.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the verdant water resources of the state present immense potential of pisciculture development. He, therefore, asked the newly appointed demonstrators to work dedicatedly, influence others to work diligently and raise the revenue earned from fishery sector. He also asked the demonstrators to use the modern and scientific methods instead of the traditional one to take fishery sector altogether to a greater height.

He also said that fishery department in the state was never that active. But the present Fishery Minister Parimal Suklabaidya after taking over the reign of responsibility made a total turn around and helped the state to earn revenue through this department. Drawing attention of all the stake holders present at the meeting, Sonowal said that fishery sector of the state has good potential in terms generating revenue. He said that if by virtue of diligence of the department, production increases, Assam can not only capture the market of the entire North East but also other South East Asian Nations. He also asked the department to draw a broad roadmap and motivate the officers and employees of the Fishery department to work and lend their help towards Atmanirbhar Assam. Stating that at present the State produces 3.73 lakh metric tonne fish, Sonowal called upon the department to increase the production up to 7 lakh metric tonne.

Speaking on the occasion Fishery Minister Parimal Suklabaidya said that under the leadership and advise of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, a good work culture was developed in the Fishery Department. Though prior to his taking over the charge of the department, there was scarcity of human resources in the department, this issue has largely been addressed with the induction of many talented youths in to the department transparently based on merits.

He also said that altogether 292 candidates were appointed in the department during last four and half years, which gave a major boost to its functioning. Moreover, saying that the productive steps taken by the government led to an increase in fish production in the State, he informed that the department bagged four national level awards for its performance in recent times.

While Commissioner & Secretary of Fishery department Rakesh Kumar delivered the welcome speech, Chief Minister's Legal Advisor Santanu Bharali, Karimganj MP Kripanath

Mallah, Chairman of Karimganj Zila Parishad Asish Nath, Director of Fisheries NK Debnath were present among other in the programme.

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