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CM reviews Food & Civil Supplies Dept

Dispur, May 28: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today held a review meeting with Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department and discussed various aspects regarding augmenting paddy procurement and ensuring MSP to state's farmers for their produce.

In the meeting, the Chief Minister directed the department to explore ways to increase paddy procurement from the state farmers and he said the matter of providing a working capital to Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board (ASAMB) for augmenting paddy procurement, so that the state can fill the gap of nearly 2 lakh metric tonnes in paddy requirement from its own production, would be considered.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also discussed various issues regarding setting up mills in the districts with paddy yield and incentivising local entrepreneurs to set up mills in their areas so that farmers can find mills for their paddy without travelling too much distance. FCI officials present at the meeting informed that the organisation follows strict guideline regarding moisture content in purchasing paddy and the Chief Minister directed the F&CS department to explore ways for placing dryers near Paddy Procurement Centres (PCCs) to reduce paddy's moisture level.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary of Food and Civil Supplies Department B.R. Samal, senior FCI officials were also present in the meeting.

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