

# Union minister calls for timely submission of fund utilization certificates

**ITANAGAR, Feb 9:** Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh has called for timely submission of utilization certificates of various centrally sponsored schemes being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh.

Addressing the review meeting on the progress of various agri-allied schemes under Central Govt at CM's conference hall here today, Singh said that there must be enhanced coordination and synergy of the functionaries of agri-allied departments, KVK scientists, ICAR, ATMA to boost agri activities in the state. He said that development of the



border state of Arunachal State is on priority agenda of the Central Govt.

All stakeholders must play a proactive role and reach out to the farming community through farm schools and regular exposure trips so that farmers are trained up on various know-

how and latest technologies, the minister said.

While dwelling on the fishery sector, Singh asked to avail the schemes under National Fishery Development Board and National Blue revolution so that the fishery sector can be taken up as sustainable and income gen-

erating by the farmers.

Horticulture, dairy and fishery can go long way in the economic empowerment of the farmers of the state, he added. He said that the Soil Health Card Scheme which is set to be formally launched will benefit the farmers. *(Contd. on P-5)*



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(From P-1) The Minister asked the scientists and officers to adopt villages under their respective areas and guide the farmers. The Union Minister called upon every stakeholder to work pro-actively for boosting the agri-allied sector so that the farming community is regularly updated and guided on agri-technology and inputs. He noted the issue of adequate infrastructure in the KVKs of the state.

Emphasizing on the need to step up efforts to conserve and promote Mithun and Yak population, the Union Minister asked for submission of projects in this regard.

Chief Minister Nabam Tuki submitted a memorandum for establishment of Cold Water Fisheries Unit of DCFR (ICAR) in Arunachal Pradesh at Samteng, West Kameng Dist which he hoped will encourage the common people residing in the mountain region of the State to adopt cold water fisheries by availing the technical support from the proposed research unit.

The CM apprised the minister that a vision document is being prepared by the State Government with a policy for every sector which will be linked with Niti Ayog.

Earlier, Agriculture and Horticulture Minister Chowna Mein highlighted the immense potential of the agri-allied sector in the state. Mentioning that the state has received Krishi Karman Award for three consecutive year, Mein also submitted a memorandum which included Establishment of Horticulture University, College of Veterinary Science, enhancement of student enrolment in College of Agriculture, Pasighat, CAU for AP, special support for conversion of inter-farm foot tracks into gravel road, (Agricultural Link Road) and other supports to boost the agri-allied sector.

Parliamentary Secretary, Horticulture Mutchu Mithi also spoke on the occasion.

A host of dignitaries including Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, Director General, ICAR, Dr. S. Ayyapan, Joint Secretary (Agri) Rajni Sekhri Sibal, GoI, state Chief Secretary Ramesh Negi, Commissioner Agriculture, Hage Khoda, Secretary Horticulture Sudhir Kumar, representatives, officers and scientists from ICAR, KVKS, College of Horticulture, Pasighat, Agriculture Board who attended the review meeting. DIPR