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Commissioner inspects departmental fish firms in East Siang

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PASIGHAT Mar 26: Fisheries Commissioner, Dr M Surya Prakash, who was on a two-day visit to East Siang district has inspected the departmental fishery firms, fish seed hatchery, uninstalled cold storage machinery kept in godown (warehouse) and office of District Fishery Development Office, Pasighat, along with Pasighat West MLA cum Parliamentary Secre-

tary, Agriculture and Fisheries, Tatung Jamoh, DC Tamiyo Tatak and DFDO Obuk Mize on Saturday.

While inspecting all the fish ponds, especially the Pane Korong side beside the Borang paddy field (mostly defunct due to encroachment and human settlement), Commissioner Prakash directed the DFDO, Pasighat to prepare a plan to check the fish firm encroachment by erecting walls and a water supply line to the defunct ponds to re-

operationalise it.

DC Tatak suggested formation of a board involving fishery experts/scientists from the College of Horticulture & Forestry, Pasighat so that all the defunct fish ponds could be used again. MLA Jamoh also directed the Fishery Department to prepare a detailed project report to revive all the defunct ponds and hatcheries.

Meanwhile, Prakash and Jamoh have expressed dismay over the cold storage

machineries which are kept in the store without installation. According to sources from DFDO, Pasighat, this cold storage plant was to be installed at Doimukh, Papum Pare, but it was shifted to Pasighat after installation money was drawn by concerned contractor from Papum Pare, due to which installation could not take place here. According to official sources, the installation charges for the cold storage are also high. *(Contd. on P-3)*

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(From P-1) To bring the machine to use, Prakash has suggested that the machine be used by other departments like the Municipal or College of Horticulture & Forestry, Pasighat. Prakash has also said that the available fish pond should be revived in better ways which would also bolster tourism as angling can be done in large fish ponds.

Departmental problems were also highlighted by DFDO, Obuk Mize, to which the Commissioner has assured to look into on priority basis.

Meanwhile, Women Against Social Evils, (WASE), Pasighat approached the Commissioner to lease out the defunct fish pond of Pane Korong so that WASE could revive it and engage unemployed youths, mostly drug addicts.