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Dear *Sh. Pamai Ji*

A Joint Inspection Team (JIT) under the leadership of Shri N. Sanatomba Singh, Under Secretary, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) visited Imphal East, Thoubal and Imphal West districts of Manipur during 1-6 September, 2015 to review the progress of the schemes under MIDH viz. Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan (HMNEH) states, National Agroforestry and Bamboo Mission (NABM) and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department.

2. The team has made a number of observations in their report which needs attention of the State Government for initiating necessary follow up action.

Following observations, in particular, needs your personal attention:-

- Special emphasis needs to be paid on accreditation of nurseries for production and supply of quality planting material. National Horticulture Board or Central Institute of Horticulture, Nagaland may be approached for the purpose.
- SHM needs to provide necessary guidance for scientific crop production especially on mulching, plant protection and maintenance of soil health. JIT recommends constituting a State Level Advisory Committee with a Member from ICAR, CAU and other competent organizations who will provide necessary technical guidance for successful implementation of the mandated activities.
- MIDH may collaborate with NBM for bamboo made vegetable containers/baskets for pack house beneficiaries.
- ICAR has developed a CD of ten minutes duration on Vermi Compost which can be given to all vermi compost beneficiaries desirous to set up VCU. Semi mechanized sieve recommended for vermi compost units.

- Beekeeping needs integration with flower plantation and suitable crops. Farmers may transport the boxes to other places for pollination. One commercial honey production unit may be established in the State.
- JIT suggests integrating pineapple with poly-mulching; otherwise it will aggravate the problem of obnoxious weeds and soil erosion.
- JIT recommended taking up more number of projects on for water harvesting and conservation with proper care.
- In addition to big farm machineries like tractor or power tiller, JIT recommends introduction and demonstration of small farm tools like fruit harvester, fruit grader, pre-cooling tank, weeder etc. to reduce the drudgery. Garden tool-kit should be provided to the farmers involved in nursery raising and cut flower production.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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