

## **AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH OF JAN. 2017**

Panaji : January 31, 2017

Directorate of Agriculture has completed sowing as well as transplanting of Rabi paddy crop. Profuse flowering in cashew is observed throughout the state and a good crop is expected, whereas flowering in Mango has just started. 29.45 MT vegetables procured from local farmers.

In the month of January, 2017, Directorate of Agriculture conducted meeting of the State Seed Sub-committee for Agriculture and Horticulture Crops for the State of Goa on January 23, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Agriculture). Members of the State Seed Sub-committee for Agriculture and offices of this Directorate were present.

Under the scheme Pradhan Manti Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) total 744 numbers of loanee farmers covered for Kharif Season 2016 i.e. 96 farmers from North Goa and 648 farmers from South Goa covering total area of 543.45 ha. Total sum insured is Rs. 5.76 Crores. Total Premium is Rs. 7.37 lakhs out of which loanee farmers premium is Rs. 6.73 lakhs of which State share is Rs. 0.31 lakhs and Central share is Rs. 0.31 lakhs respectively.

Subsidy was provided to 16 farmers to the tune of Rs. 9.02 lakhs towards the cost of the work for 6.59 R. Km of Solar Battery Fencing. 6,876 Nos of farmers have been benefitted with assistance towards custom services provided for hire charges of machinery like combine harvester, tractor, power tiller with an expenditure of Rs. 138.65 lakhs. Subsidy was provided to 50 farmers towards installation of Pumpest with accessories/water conveying pipeline and Sprinkler/Drip system to the tune of Rs. 4.96 lakhs.

Assured Price was given to 502 farmers for 374.18 tonnes. Paddy providing a subsidy of Rs. 31.09 lakhs. Assured Price was given to 3 farmers for 13.27 tonnes. Sugarcane providing a subsidy of Rs. 17.25 lakhs. Assured Price was given to 246 farmers for 3.21 lakhs coconut providing a subsidy of Rs. 18.00 lakhs.

Subsidy was provided to 7 farmers towards Digging and Construction of Well to the tune of Rs. 5.73 lakhs.

Subsidy was provided to 2 farmers towards Green Poly House/Assistance for protected cultivation for growing flowers/vegetables to the tune of Rs. 4.62 lakhs.

Five Home Science and One Agriculture Training Camps were conducted at Ela, Old Goa, wherein 24 farmers and 173 farmwomen attended. 11300 Nos of Bracon Adults (Bio – Control Agents) were produced at the State Bio – Laboratory Ela, Old Goa and 5500 Nos were released in the field. 575 Nos of Soil Samples were analyzed at Soil Testing Laboratories at Ela Old Goa and Margao Goa. 249 Nos of students from three schools visited Ela Farm to learn about various techniques adopted in Agriculture. 18 kgs Mushrooms spawn was produced and sold at Mushroom Laboratory, Ela Old Goa.